



**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE**



**ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH EDITION
JULY 1, 1989 to JUNE 30, 1990
FISCAL YEAR 1990**

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*N= NO REPORT RECEIVED



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICIALS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND WORCESTER COUNTY SERVING HOPEDALE IN 1990

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

GOVERNOR

Michael J. Dukakis

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci

STATE SENATOR MIDDLESEX AND WORCESTER DISTRICT

John P. Houston

REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT

Marie J. Parente

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Evelyn F. Murphy

TREASURER

Robert Q. Crane

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Joseph D. Early

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul X. Tivnan

Francis J. Holloway

John R. Sharry

ATTORNEY GENERAL

James M. Shannon

GENERAL INTEREST

Town of Hopedale- Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION

5,511

AREA

5.34 Square Miles

ELEVATION

271.94 feet above sea level

ROAD MILEAGE

22.97

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

First Monday in April

REGISTERED VOTERS

3,218

ANNUAL ELECTION

First Monday in March



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

1990 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Moderator	Bernard J. Stock	1991
Selectmen, Board of	Eugene N. Phillips, Chm. (E)	1991
	Jaime Wagman	1992
	Walter Swift	1993
	John J. Bacon (RESIGNED)	
Town Clerk	Mary L. Draper	1992
School Committee	Mary Grady, Chm.	1991
	Robert Metcalf (RESIGNED)	
	Michael Milanoski (A)	1991
	Susan Hourihan	1992
	Richard Martin	1992
Trustees of the Library	Joseph M. Antonellis	1993
	Nancy E. Cyr, Chm.	1992
	Sue-Ellen Deiana (RESIGNED)	1991
	James Kenney (A)	1991
	David Williams (A)	1991
Road Commissioners	Merwin Noyes, Chm.	1991
	John Farrar	1992
	John Cutter	1993
Planning Board	D. Craig Travers, Chm.	1992
	Alan Bethel	1991
	Walter R. Swift (RESIGNED)	1993
	vacancy	
	Gordon E. Lewis, III	1994
Blackstone Valley Vocational High School Committee	Thomas C. Anderson	1995
	Roger V. Burns	1993
Tree Warden	David Sawyer	1992
Water and Sewer Commissioners	Harold W. Anderson, Chm.	1991
	Aldo P. Tarca	1992
	J. Mark Ansart	1993
Health, Board of	Jay Pannichelli, Chm. (A)	1991
	Walter R. Swift	1991
	Michael J. Cyr (RESIGNED)	
	William Krauss	1993
Housing Authority	Margaret Bishop, Chm.	1993
	Edward Malloy	1994
	Robert E. Pugh	1992
	Alice Phillips*	1994
	Paul Bresciani	1991
Park Commissioner	Willard Taft, Chm.	1991
	Bruce Lutz	1992
	Albert Carnaroli	1993

*State Appointment

(E) Elected at Special Election

(A) Appointed until the March 1991 Election

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

RED SHOP PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

John Deiana, Chairman	Paul Lawson
Marilyn Barrows	Frederick Oldfield
Chester Francis	Merrily Sparling
Robert Hammond	

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alfred Sparling, Jr., Chairman	Michael Farrer, P.E.
John DiPietropolo, Vice Chairman	Mary A. Grady
Roger Calarese, Treasurer	Linda K. Luckraft
Donald A. Hayes, Secretary	John McGrath, Jr.
Joseph M. Antonellis	Jane D. Newhall

SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

Brian Wells, Chairman	D. Craig Travers, Planning Board
Susan Hourihan, School Committee Representative	(in absentia) Representative
John Olson	Nancy Verdolino
Steven Tenenholtz, Finance Committee Representative	Jaime Wagman, Board of Selectmen's Representative
	Janet Wagman

REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ferdie Gunduz, Chairman	Robert Metcalf (RESIGNED)
Richard Martin, School Committee Representative	Jane D. Newhall

WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christine Burke, Chairperson	Benjamin Phillips, Water and Sewer Commissioner's Representative
Robert Barrows, Board of Selectmen's Representative	
Richard Gleason	S. Douglas Winslow
Gordon Lewis, Planning Board Representative	John J. Bacon (RESIGNED)

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

1990 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Accountant, Town	Kathleen A. Garabedian	1991
Administrator, Town/ Affirmative Action Officer	John A. Hayes	1991
Aging, Council on	Robert Hammond, Chm.	1991
	Margaret Stanas, Secretary	1991
	Robert Cummings	1991
	Mildred Carpenter	1992
	Earl Simmons	1992
	Richard Palmer	1992
	Frances Rae	1992
	Mary Bibbo	1993
	Helen Crossman	1993
Animal Inspector	Howard Miller	1991
Appeals, Zoning Board of	Joseph Menfi, Chm.	1991
	Bruce Lutz	1991
	Walter Cyr	1991
	Thomas Roche	1992
	Robert Silhavey	1993
	Norma E. Thurston, Assoc.	1993
	Thomas Haynes, Assoc.	1993
Arts, Council on	Raymond E. Andreotti, Chm.	1992
	Linda Gilbertson	1991
	Raymond Gaffney, Jr.	1991
	Wilma Manning	1991
	Joanne Travers	1991
	Edith Gaffney	1991
	David Felper	1992
	Maureen Lutz	1992
Assessors, Board of	Jamie Schwingel, Chm.	1992
	Eugene Phillips (RESIGNED)	1991
	vacancy	1991
	William Caufield	1993
Building Commissioner	Edward Small	1991
Building Commissioner, Assistant	Perry K. MacNevin	1991
Burial Permits Agent	George Mongiat	1991
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Board Member	vacant	1991
Civil Defense Director	Rolland Morin	1991
Conservation Commission	Donald A. Hayes, Chm.	1992
	Walter R. Swift	1991
	John E. Farrar	1991
	Louis J. Arcudi, III	1993
	Jennifer Weaver	1993
Constables	Victor Best	1993
	Paul Castiglione	1993
	Timothy Connors	1993
	James Gardner	1993
	Rosemary Naughton	1993
Counsel, Town	Stephen Dawley	1991
Dog Officer	Howard Miller	1991
Dog Officer, Assistant	John Geary	1991

Finance Committee	James Silva, Chm.	1992
	Victor Lamothe, Clerk	1991
	Raymond Andreotti	1991
	Steven Tenenholtz	1991
	Mark Dressler	1992
	Edward Overs	1992
	Donald Comastra	1993
	Alfred Sparling	1993
	Joseph Sweet	1993
Fire Chief	David M. Durgin	1993
Forestry Commission	David Sawyer, Chm.	1992
	C. John Olson	1991
	Brian Burke	1993
Health Officer	Aloysius W. Farrell, M.D.	1991
Historical Commission	John Coxall, Chm.	1991
	Joanna Aamodt	1991
	Eleanor Allen	1991
	Lucille Damon	1991
	Robert Hammond	1991
	Brian Main	1991
	Margaret Norsworthy	1991
Handicapped, Commission for the	Mary Challela, Chm.	1993
	John Geary	1991
	Charles Challela	1991
	Peter Ellis	1992
	Robert Metcalf (RESIGNED)	1992
	Leo Lovely	1993
Insect Pest Control Officer	David Sawyer	1991
Mill River Advisory Board	James Lauzon	1992
Parking Fines Clerk	Kathleen A. Garabedian	1991
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Rossetti	1991
Plumbing Inspector, Assistant	John Balanca	1991
Police Chief	Edward P. Allard	1993
Registrars, Board of	Paul Bresciani, Chm.	1991
	Rolland Morin (RESIGNED)	
	Robert Hammond	1992
	Jean Griffin	1993
Right to Know Coordinator	David M. Durgin	1991
Sanitation Officer	Rolland Morin (RESIGNED)	
Selectman, Clerk to Board	Cathy Friend MacDougall	1991
Surplus Property Officer	John A. Hayes	1991
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Carolyn J. Marcotte	1991
Tax Collector, Deputy	Frederick Kelley	1991
Veteran's Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	1991
Weigher's, Public	Jordan Carp	1991
	Linda Commo	1991
	Paul Durand	1991
	Nathan Ferman	1991
	Paul Gibson	1991
	David Hayward	1991
	Francis Hayward	1991
	William Hayward	1991
	George Howarth	1991
	James Paul	1991
Wiring, Inspector of	Albert Shimkus	1991
Wiring, Inspector's Asst.	Dennis W. Phillips	1991
Worcester County Advisory Board Delegate	Jaime Wagman	1991
Zoning, Inspector of	Edward F. Small	1991

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
November 20, 1989

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in the Draper Gym on Dutcher Street, Wednesday, January 17, 1990 at 10:00 A.M. to vote for the following Town Office:

One Selectman for one year (unexpired term 1991)

And to vote on the following binding question as contained within the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 9A:

"Shall the Town pay one-half the premium costs payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental, and other health insurance?"

Yes _____ No _____

The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.


This notice shall be posted in three public places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be the Town Hall, as required by the Town By-Laws, and you shall make your return thereof to the Town Clerk.

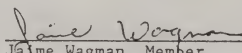
WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE this twentieth day of November, 1989.

SELECTMEN

OF

HOPEDALE

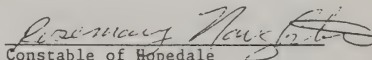

Robert E. Barrows, Chairman


Jaime Wagon, Member

I certify that I posted attested copies of the above warrant in the Hopedale Town Hall, Community House and Hopedale Post Office, as directed.

11/21/89

Date


Constable of Hopedale

TOWN ELECTION

JANUARY 17, 1990

The polls opened at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. with 1,266 registered voters casting ballots. Town Clerk, Mary L. Draper announced the results at 9:40 P.M. as follows:

SELECTMAN, 3 years

William Krauss	126
Robert Metcalf	431
Rolland Morin	80
Eugene Phillips	434*
Blanks, Write-ins	195

BALLOT QUESTION

Yes	583*
No	579
Blanks	104

*denotes winner

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR THE TOWN ELECTIONS

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

MARCH 5, 1990

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings;

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the George A. Draper Gymnasium on Dutcher Street, on Monday, March 5, 1990 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to vote for the following Town Officers;

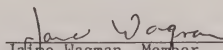
The polls will be open from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

One Selectman	for 3 years
One School Committee Member	for 3 years
One Trustees of Public Library	for 3 years
One Trustees of Public Library	for 1 year (unexpired term)
One Road Commissioner	for 3 years
One Planning Board Member	for 5 years
One Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School Committee Member	for 3 years
One Water & Sewer Commissioner	for 3 years
One Board of Health Member	for 3 years
One Park Commissioner	for 3 years

This notice shall be posted in three public places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be the Town Hall, as required by the Town By-Laws, and you shall make your return thereof to the Town Clerk.

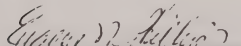
WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, this Twenty-Second day of January, 1990.


Robert E. Barrows, Chairman


Jaine Wagman, Member

SELECTMEN

OF


Eugene N. Phillips, Member

HOPEDALE

I certify that I posted attested copies of the above warrant in the
Hopedale Town Hall, Community House and Hopedale Post Office as directed.

Norman M. Little #2
Constable of Hopedale

TOWN ELECTION

MARCH 5, 1990

The polls opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. with nine hundred and ten (910) registered voters casting ballots. Town Clerk, Mary L. Draper announced the results at 8:20 P.M. as follows:

Selectman, 3 years		Trustee of Public Library, 3 years	
Walter R. Swift *	706	Blanks, Write-ins	910
Blanks, Write-ins	204		
School Committee, 3 years		Trustee of Public Library, 1 year unexpired	
Joseph Antonellis *	662	Blanks, Write-ins	910
Blanks, Write-ins	248		
Board of Health, 3 years		Blackstone Valley School Committee	
William C. Krauss *	603	Roger V. Burns	619
Blanks, Write-ins	307	Blanks, Write-ins	291
Road Commissioner, 3 years			
John C. Cutter *	623		
Blanks, Write-ins	287		
Planning Board, 5 years			
Thomas C. Anderson *	561		
Blanks, Write-ins	349		
Park Commissioner, 3 years			
Albert P. Carnaroli *	677		
Blanks, Write-ins	233		
Water & Sewer Commissioner, 3 years			
Benjamin F. Phillips	443		
J. Mark Ansart *	459		
Blanks, Write-ins	8		

*denotes winner

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
WORCESTER, SS
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
JUNE 19, 1990

WORCESTER, SS

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in the Draper Gym on Dutcher Street, Tuesday, June 19, 1990 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. to vote on the following binding questions:

1. "Shall the Town of Hopedale be allowed to assess an additional \$305,000.00 real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operational expenses for the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety?

YES _____ NO _____ "

2. "Shall the Town of Hopedale be allowed to assess an additional \$30,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of General Government Unclassified Accounts for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety?

YES _____ NO _____ "

3. "Shall the Town of Hopedale pay one-half of the premium costs payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental, and other health insurance?

YES _____ NO _____ "

CHAPTER XVIII

Whoever shall within the limits of any public way located within the Town, as defined in Chapter 8, Section 1 of the General Town By-Laws, or by this Chapter, including all grass planting strips therein, whether that public way be a town way, county way, state highway, or private way open to the public, use or cause to be used or operated in any manner any skateboard thereon for any reason shall be punished as follows:

First offence: written warning; no verbal warnings shall be issued.

Second offence: \$25.00

Third offence: \$50.00

Each subsequent offense shall cause an additional fifty dollar fine up to the maximum allowed by this By-Law, as contained in Chapter 1, Section 2, as amended on December 3, 1979.

The Police Department shall enforce this section with special enforcement citations as authorized under this chapter of the General By-Laws of the Town.

"Shall the Town accept the provisions of the above General Town By-Law?

YES _____ NO _____ "

This notice shall be posted in three public places in the Town of Hopedale, one of which shall be the Town Hall, as required by the Town By-Laws, and you shall make your return thereof to the Town Clerk.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEAL OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 1990

SELECTMEN
OF
HOPEDALE

E. Phillips
Eugene N. Phillips, Chairman

Jaime Wagon
Jaime Wagon, Member

Walter R. Swift
Walter R. Swift, Member

I certify that I posted attested copies of the above warrant in the Hopedale Town Hall, Community House and Hopedale Post Office, as directed.

042790
Date

Paul E. Castella
Constable of Hopedale

"The Dale 1700;

Hopedale 1841;

A Town 1886"

Mary L. Draper
Town Clerk



Town Hall
Hopedale, Mass. 01747
Tel. 508-478-2140

ELECTION RESULTS
JUNE 19, 1990

QUESTION 1:

YES: 893
NO: 1,095
BLANKS: 9
TOTAL: 1,997

QUESTION 3:

YES: 562
NO: 1,263
BLANKS: 172
TOTAL: 1,997

QUESTION 2:

YES: 456
NO: 1,516
BLANKS: 25
TOTAL: 1,997

QUESTION 4:

YES: 645
NO: 1,270
BLANKS: 82
TOTAL: 1,997

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
TOWN WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 1989

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on September 12, 1989 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M. to act upon the following articles, which are required by the failure of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to level fund local aid to its cities and towns for Fiscal Year 1990, namely:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Road Commissioners, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, to raise the sum of \$27,832 to be funded by state receipts under Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1988, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the appropriations made under Article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1989 as it relates to defraying town charges for the ensuing year, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the appropriation made under Article 27 of the annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1989 and under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of June 20, 1989 as it relates to defraying town charges for the ensuing year through the use of Overlay Surplus, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to fund various eligible capital expenditures through use of the Stabilization Fund for Fiscal Year 1990 as provided under Chapter 40 Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from "Free Cash" as certified by the Department of Revenue as of July 1, 1989, to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the appropriation made under Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1989 as it relates to the funding of a Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 1990, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the deed to and the layout of Tandem Drive for a length of 350 feet as an accepted public way, or take any action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of August, 1989.

SELECTMEN

OF

HOPEDALE

ATTEST:

R.F. Nash
Constable of Hopedale

Robert E. Barrows
Robert E. Barrows, Chairman

John J. Bacon
John J. Bacon

Jaime Wagman
Jaime Wagman

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 1989

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:30 P.M. There being a quorum present the Moderator read the warrant and return.

Moderator Stock acknowledged Mr. James Silva as the new Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Article 1: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass over this article based on the recommendation of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Article 2: On a motion by James Silva, Chairman of the Finance Committee, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to reconsider the appropriations made under Article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1989 by reducing previously approved budgets as follows:

Police Budget from \$403,661 to \$399,461 (\$4,200)
Fire Budget from \$227,537 to \$225,237 (\$2,300)
Highway Budget from \$233,698 to \$232,698 (\$1,000)
Library Budget from \$89,893 to \$88,893 (\$1,000)
School Budget from \$3,539,968 to \$3,527,968 (\$12,000)
General Government Budget from \$289,008 to \$287,008 (\$2,000)
Board of Health Budget from \$233,847 to \$231,847 (\$2,000)

for a total reduction of (\$24,500)

Article 3: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to reconsider the action taken under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1989 by rescinding the \$25,000 appropriation from Overlay Surplus for the Town Hall Ramp and I further move that the Town reconsider the action taken at the Special Town Meeting of June 20, 1989 under Article 3 by reducing the sum of \$7,699 from Overlay Surplus to the Reserve Fund by \$5,000 for a new transfer figure in the amount of \$2,699. Also that the sums of \$25,000 and \$5,000 for a total of \$30,000 from Overlay Surplus be applied to the operational budgets of various town departments as authorized by three Town Meetings for Fiscal Year 1990 held on April 3rd, June 20th and September 12, 1989.

Article 4: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to fund the sum of \$25,000 for the construction of a Handicapped Access Ramp and other associated work for the Town Hall through transfer from the Stabilization Fund.

Article 5: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate through transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$45,165 to be applied to the operational budgets of various town departments as authorized by the Town Meetings for Fiscal Year 1990 held on April 3rd, June 20th and September 12, 1989.

Article 6: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article as previously covered under Article 3.

Article 7: Commissioner Merwin Noyes moved to accept the deed to and the layout of Tandem Drive for a length of 350 feet, as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners.

Said street being shown on a plan entitled Jefco Industrial Park in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester County

District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 493, Plan 7. Said layout and description of Tandem Drive including all easements, as shown on plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth.

A short discussion ensued on this motion.

Mr. Joseph Burns of 333 South Main Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts was recognized by the Moderator and Mr. Burns stated that Tandem Drive abuts his property and that he currently has a suit pending in Superior Court against Braun Express and the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts and that he would like the Town Meeting to pass over this article pending a decision by the Court. The Moderator asked Mr. burns if he was making a motion to pass over the article. Mr. Burns said yes and the motion was duly seconded. The Moderator asked for any discussion on the motion to pass over the article. There was none. The Moderator called for a voice vote and being unable to determine the vote counters were appointed and sworn in and the results were 41 in favor to pass over the article and 30 opposed; motion carried.

On a motion by Chairman Barrows, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the warrant be dissolved at 7:55 P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
DECEMBER 5, 1989

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M., to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to accept an equal educational opportunity grant for the fiscal year 1990 in the amount of \$244,000 under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be paid by the Commonwealth to, and expended by, the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee for direct services expenditures, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee Member)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to increase the fees for dog licenses as follows:

	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Old Rates</u>
Neutered males	\$ 7.00	\$ 4.00
Spayed females	7.00	4.00
Females	10.00	7.00
Males	10.00	7.00

and to see if the Town will allow the Town Clerk to retain \$1.00 per license for his/her service in processing said license, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Town Clerk)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Park Street extention as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, as shown on the plan entitled, "Mountianview Estates III" for a distance of approximately 289 feet, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Tandem Way as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto. (Road Commissioners)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Water Study Committee as authorized by the Town Meeting of June 20, 1989, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water Study Committee)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to complete negotiations, sign, seal, execute and deliver to the Milford Water Company, a private corporation doing business in Massachusetts, an agreement, all required deeds and easements, for a minimum selling price as set by this meeting for the conveyance of the Hopedale Water Department, it's systems and negotiated assets. The revenue for this sale shall be accepted by the Town as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws for the sale of any town property and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to include any other terms and conditions that the Board may believe to be in the best interests of the Town of Hopedale, or take any action needed by statute or by-law as may be necessary in relation thereto.

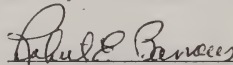
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of November, 1989

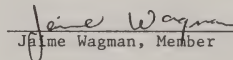
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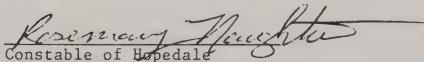


Robert E. Barrows, Chairman



Jaime Wagner, Member

ATTEST:


Constable of Hopedale

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 05, 1989

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:30 P.M. There being a quorum present the Moderator read the warrant and return.

Article 1: On a motion by Roger Burns, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to accept an equal educational opportunity grant for the fiscal year 1990 in the amount of \$244,000 under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be paid by the Commonwealth to, and expended by, the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee for direct services expenditures.

Article 2: On a motion by James Silva, Chairman of the Finance Committee, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to increase the fees for Dog Licenses by three dollars (\$3.00).

Article 3: Merwin Noyes, Commissioner; moved to accept the deed to and the layout of Park Street Extension for a length of 289 feet, as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners.

Said street being shown on a plan entitled Mountainview Estates lll in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester County District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 550, Plan 5. Said layout and description of Park Street Extension including all easements, as shown on plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth. Unanimously voted.

Article 4: Commissioner Merwin Noyes moved to accept the deed to and the layout of Tandem Drive for a length of 350 feet, as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners.

Said street being shown on a plan entitled Jefco Industrial Park in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester County District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 493, Plan 7. Said layout and description of Tandem Drive including all easements, as shown on plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth.

A short discussion ensued on this motion.

Mr. Joseph Burns of 333 South Main Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts was recognized by the Moderator and Mr. Burns stated that Tandem Drive abuts his property and that he currently has suit pending in Superior Court against Braun Express and the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts and that he would like the Town Meeting to pass over this article pending a decision by the Court. The Moderator asked Mr. Burns if he was making a motion to pass over this article. Mr. Burns said yes. Town Counsel, Stephen Dawley, spoke briefly and said do not let this litigation affect your decision. Treat this road as any other road. Mr. Charles Espanet made a motion to pass over this article until this litigation is settled. Motion made and duly seconded to pass over this article. Motion carried.

Article 5: On a motion by Christine Burke, Water Study Committee member duly seconded, it was voted to hear the report of the Water Study Committee as authorized by the Town Meeting of June 20, 1989.

Christine Burke spoke to Town Meeting voters on its findings and recommendations on the Water Study report. Mr. James Silva, Water Study Member spoke on the financial aspect and the impact it will have on the town. Mr. Gordon Lewis, Water Study Member also spoke on the sale of the Hopedale Water Company.

The Moderator made a motion, duly seconded, to hear the Water Study report only.

A lengthy discussion ensued on this motion.

Several Town Meeting voters voiced their concerns on the selling of the Hopedale Water Company and after all parties were heard a motion was made, duly seconded, to accept the report. Motion carried.

Article 6: On a motion by James Silva, Chairman of the Finance Committee, duly seconded, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectman, on behalf of the Town, to negotiate the sale of the Hopedale Water System, subject to the approval of the town at a Special or Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Barrows, Chairman of the Board of Selectman, made a motion to amend the the article to read Sale or Lease. Motion carried.

Mr. Barrows, Chairman of the Board of Selectman, made a motion to amend the article to read Annual Town Meeting and to eliminate Special Town Meeting. Motion was defeated.

After a lengthy discussion on the main motion, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectman, on behalf of the town, to negotiate the Sale or Lease of the Hopedale Water System, subject to the approval of the Town at a Special or Annual Town Meeting.

On a motion by Chairman Barrows, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the warrant be dissolved at 8:55 P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
TOWN WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 2, 1990

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Monday, April 2, 1990 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M. to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, and any other offices, departments and committees of said town. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2: To see what salary and compensation the Town will allow each elected officer for his/her services. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 1990, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provision of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Treasurer)

Article 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1991 as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F, and as amended by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1989, or take any action in relation thereto. (Treasurer)

Article 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell by sale or public auction any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure to tax titles thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefore, authority to expire May 1, 1991, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public or private sale, for such price as they consider equitable, and upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary, parcels of vacant land presently under the control of the Board of Selectmen and not required for municipal purposes. The total area of land sold to any one person not to exceed one (1) acre, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding assessment date changes for new growth or take any action related thereto. (Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 41 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding quarterly tax bills or take any action related thereto. (Board of Selectmen and Treasurer/Collector)

Article 10. To see what disposition the Town will make of funds for Fiscal Year 1991 as may be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for maintenance of public roads, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of a portion of Westcott Road as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of a portion of Tillotson Road as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Tandem Way as an accepted public street as recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Road Commissioners)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract for rubbish removal for a one, two or three year term as may be determined by the Board of Health to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Health)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws as voted on April 5, 1982, under Chapter V, Section 3 by changing the amount in line two from "four thousand dollars" to "ten thousand dollars" as allowed under the "Uniform Procurement Act" as contained in M.G.L. Chapter 30B, with a mandatory implementation date of May 1, 1990, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to require that all taxes, assessments, fees, or charges of any kind owed to the Town shall be paid in full prior to the Town issuing any permit, license or any other lawful town document as may be required by the delinquent individual and/or corporate business, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to abolish the position of Town Administrator by petitioning the Legislature to revoke provisions of the Act under Chapter 550, signed into law on December 10, 1983, authorizing the Town of Hopedale to appoint a Town Administrator; with said abolishment of the position to become effective with the passage of the revocation

and

by deleting Section 9 of Chapter III of the General By-Laws (approved by the Attorney General on January 24, 1984) approved by voters at a Special Town Meeting held on October 17, 1983. (By Petition)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer under Chapter 41, Section 69B, certain anticipated receipts for the operational expenses of the Water Department, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer under Chapter 83, Section 16, certain anticipated receipts for the operational expenses of the Sewer Department, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

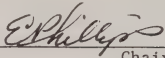
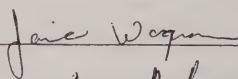
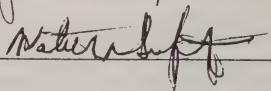
Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate through assessments as provided under Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under Chapter 44, Section 53E, the Bond Issue payments of the Sewer Department, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners).

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to rescind action taken under Article 36 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 6, 1987 accepting the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 48, Section 42A, or take any action in relation thereto. (By Petition)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 48, Section 42, or take any action in relation thereto. (By Petition)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of March, 1990.


Chairman



ATTEST:


Constable of Hopedale

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
TOWN WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FINANCIAL WARRANT

For Fiscal Year 1991, date to be set by the Board of Selectmen as a separate warrant, when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Great and General Court and the Department of Revenue advise the Board of Selectmen as to the town's status relative to State Aid for cities and towns for Fiscal Year 1991.

Article 1A: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease, or take any action in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 2A: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for insect pest control, or take any action in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 3A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay its share of the costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Planning Board)

Article 4A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay its share of the costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Planning Board)

Article 5A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for post-secondary vocational tuition, as required by M.G.L. Chapter 74, Section 8 and 37 b-f, or take any action in relation thereto. (School Committee)

Article 6A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available fund or funds sums of money for Capital

Expenditures through purchasing, bonding, or leasing in various departments, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 7A: To see if the Town will vote to fund various eligible capital expenditures through use of the Stabilization Fund for Fiscal Year 1991 as provided under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 8A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund as provided under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 9A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the towns assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School, or take any action in relation thereto. (Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee Representative)

Article 10A: To see if the Town will vote to defray town charges for Fiscal year 1991 through the use of Overlay Surplus, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 11A: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of March, 1990.

Ed Phillips
Chairman

Jaime Wagon
Waterbury

ATTEST:

Gregory M. Smith
Constable of Hopedale

HOPEDALE
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 1991

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 2, 1990

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To the Residents and Taxpayers of Hopedale:

Tonight the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen will recommend the town postpone action on the articles included in the Financial Warrant until we are provided with more information concerning the amount of state aid available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991. We expect to make our financial recommendations at a Special Town Meeting in late May or early June.

The upcoming year will be a most difficult year for Hopedale. This is due to the lack of additional revenue required to continue the present level of services in the town. The message the Finance Committee is sending to the town residents is that the financial

confusion at the state level during the past year has created financial problems in our town. Hopedale will have substantial reductions in services next year if the state continues to provide aid to Hopedale at a level of over \$200,000 less than in fiscal year 1989 and we continue to stay within the tax limits of Proposition 2-1/2.

In particular, there will be hardships within the School Department, where salaries make up over 80% of the School's budget. The School's fiscal year '91 request includes contracted salary increases of 6.1% plus additional "step" salary increases for service and/or educational credits. We do not anticipate funds will be available under the 2-1/2% limit constraints to maintain the current School staff and support the salary increase as well.

The Finance Committee will take the opportunity at this town meeting to update the residents of the department requests for fiscal year '91 and our recommendations to date. This report will also provide you with financial information for fiscal year '90 as well as historical data for the previous four years. We have also included breakdowns with respect to the School Department's budget. In addition, we will try to alert you of outstanding issues that may have positive or negative impacts on fiscal year '91 budgets.

Revisit Fiscal Year '90

Last year the budget process changed as compared to prior years. Hopedale and most other towns prepared a budget based on level state aid. The state reduced aid to Hopedale by over \$200,000 after the start of the fiscal '90 year. A cooperative effort by the staff in the General Office and Assessor's Office enabled the certification of free cash and an increase in local estimated receipts for fiscal year '90. In the September, 1989 town meeting, the shortfall of state aid was offset by funds from free cash, the stabilization fund, overlay surplus (excess amounts reserved in prior years for tax abatements) and increases in estimated local receipts. In addition, department budgets were reduced by about \$25,000. The reductions in budgets were difficult since we were into the third month of the fiscal year and many of the capital expenditures had already been made at this time. The charts on page 8 illustrate the final appropriations and estimated receipts for fiscal year '90.

Starting Fiscal Year '91 "In the Hole"

The obvious drawback to the budget revision of September, 1989 was the use of "one-time revenues" to fund portions of the operating budgets. In summary, approximately \$107,000 was available from overlay surplus and free cash, and was applied to the operating budgets. Therefore, we need \$107,000 of new revenues just to maintain level-funded budgets in fiscal year '91. The hope was that the state would get it's financial act together and restore state aid to the prior levels.

Revenue Trend for Fiscal Year '91

The revenue sources in addition to state aid are real estate taxes and local receipts. The increase in the levy limit will result in an increase of about \$103,000 in real estate taxes. In addition, the Assessors have estimated an increase in real estate taxes due to new growth of about \$33,000. This new growth compares to about \$189,000 for fiscal year '90. Recent estimates indicate local receipts will decrease by about \$44,000 in fiscal year '91. The primary reason for this decrease is a reduction of \$50,000 in estimated motor vehicle excise taxes, a result of the decline in new car sales.

We are estimating state aid will decrease by 5% or \$59,000 for preliminary budget purposes. Other area towns are assuming level state aid or up to a 10% reduction for preliminary budget reviews.

In summary, we are assuming an increase of \$33,000 in revenues in fiscal year '91. We caution you that a larger decrease in state aid could reverse the \$33,000 increase into a decrease in total revenues.

It is possible we will receive some revised local receipt estimates and/or estimated new growth figures prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Expenditures with Limited Control

When we combine the increase in revenues of \$33,000 with the \$107,000 that we enter fiscal year '91 "in the hole", this implies a reduction of \$74,000 to the department budgets. Unfortunately, there are many expenditures that the town has limited or no control over and will continue to rise over prior year expenditures. These increased expenditures are as follows:

Active employee health insurance	\$ 60,000
Retired employee insurance (est.)	21,000
Trash pick-up & removal	17,000
Interest on short term loans	10,000
Post-secondary tuition	8,700
Blackstone Valley School assessment	7,500
County retirement assessment	4,100
Street lighting	3,500
Zoning and town by-law books	3,000
Election expenses	800
	<u>\$135,600</u>

Health insurance for active employees is the largest component and is estimated to increase between 32% and 35% in fiscal year '91 which translates into an increase of about \$60,000. It is possible the \$17,000 increase requested by the Board of Health for trash pick-up will be reduced. The Board is presently reviewing their calculations and will inform us of any changes.

The retired employee medical and life insurance is a new cost item as a result of the passage of the referendum question in the recent February, 1989 town election. We alert you that \$21,000 is an estimate based on retired employees who are paying the full cost of the coverage. The town currently forwards these premiums to the insurance carrier. It is our understanding Town Counsel is researching the issue to determine who is eligible for these benefits. The actual cost to the town may be substantially greater than \$21,000 and may result in reductions in current active employees to fund the insurance premiums. It is expected that this cost item will accelerate much greater in the future than the expected growth of revenues, given the history of medical inflation.

The retired medical insurance issue is very disturbing to the Finance Committee. Our committee was not advised the referendum question was binding and the financial impact was not available to town residents. Our committee has asked the Board of Selectmen to consider placing this question on the ballot in the next town election. Our committee would have the financial information available for the residents and make a recommendation prior to this election.

In summary, we should combine the approximate mandatory spending increase of \$136,000 in these budget items with the \$74,000 required reductions mentioned previously. This indicates we would have to reduce other expenditures in all department budgets by about \$210,000 in order to balance the fiscal year '91 budgets.

Department Requests for Fiscal Year '91

The town departments have requested increases for fiscal year '91 of about \$1,070,000 over the current fiscal year. This occurred despite some departments requesting only a level-funded budget, since our committee indicated that was the "best case scenario" early in the budget process. We removed about \$286,000 of these requests as capital items that will be considered separately. If our committee recommends any of these items, the funding will be from the stabilization fund, the overlay surplus (if available), issuance of bonds, or possible debt exclusion override.

Therefore, our committee had the task of recommending department budgets based on requested increases of \$784,000 (\$1,070,000 - \$286,000) of which \$136,000 represents items over which we have limited control. The balance of the requested increases are \$466,000 for the School Department and \$182,000 for all other departments. These requested increases of \$648,000 (\$466,000 + \$182,000) can not be funded and in fact reductions to these departments of \$210,000 is required in order to arrive at a balanced budget. The proration of this decrease based on the current year budgets would indicate the School Department would be allocated 70% of this decrease or \$147,000 and the other departments would absorb a \$63,000 reduction.

Salary Increase Issue

The requested increases for fiscal year '91 shown in this report includes the 6.1% salary increase plus step increases for the School Department and 3% salary increases for all other departments. The 3% salary increase for all other departments was requested by our committee as a preliminary figure to commence our budget process. The actual salary increases for the non-union employees will be set by the Board of Selectmen. In addition, the pay increases for the Police and Fire Department union employees will be subject to collective bargaining negotiations.

The Finance Committee's recommendations for fiscal year '91 are to level fund the salary accounts of all departments. This recommendation indicates that even this scenario will require reductions in departments and services in fiscal year '91.

Our committee met with the Board of Selectmen in early March to discuss the financial problems facing the town in fiscal year '91. We are recommending a salary freeze for fiscal year '91 to the Selectmen for establishing the salary policy. This recommendation is certainly controversial considering the contractual increase of over 7% (including step increases) in the School Department. We feel this salary freeze policy will avoid reductions in employees in certain departments and reduce the number of layoffs that may occur in other departments. We also suggested the Selectmen explore and consider the impact to various town services of not replacing employees who retire or terminate during the next year.

The salary increase in the School Department presents the town with a very serious problem in providing quality education. The School Department will have to reduce staff by a substantial number of employees to reduce the budget by an estimated \$147,000 and to fund the salary and step increases to the remaining staff. The reduction process becomes even more difficult given the potential unemployment compensation payments that must be included in the School Department's budget for every employee that is released.

Our committee suggested to the School Committee in late January that they may want to discuss the salary increase issue and the town's finances with the union. It is possible the union would be interested in retaining more members by adjusting the salary increase provisions of the collective bargaining contract. At this point it would be difficult to retain the current staff, even with a salary freeze. The total salaries required in fiscal year '91 are 1.5% greater than the prior year even with a pay freeze and the step increases would add another 1.5% or so. This is the result of the second 3% salary increase that became effective in the middle of the current fiscal year, which would be reflected for a full year in fiscal year '91.

As a matter of interest, in December, 1988 the Finance Committee provided all town departments with estimates of revenue growth for the next three years commencing with the current fiscal year. Our estimates indicated that department budgets would be expected to increase from 4% - 4.5% in the next three years (note: these projections were made prior to our knowledge of the reduction in state aid). The School Committee received this information, yet signed a contract providing for a total of six salary increases of 3% over a three year period. This contract will result in a 19.4% rise in salaries over the three

year period and about a 24% increase when automatic salary step increases are included. Our committee went on record last year as being opposed to the financial elements of the agreement. Our point here is that the School Committee went out on a limb and signed a contract that appeared very difficult, at best, to fund. In addition, the School Department has expressed concern over the last several years with the increased cost of state mandated special education programs and the cost of absorbing additional students in the system.

Direction from Board of Selectmen

Our committee can recommend a balanced budget at the Special Town Meeting by reducing the bottom line budgets of the large town departments proportionately. Our committee is concerned that this approach will reduce or eliminate required maintenance and repairs and the town will ultimately pay the price in the future. Therefore, we believe a policy decision concerning the down-sizing of departments and reduction in services is required from the Selectmen. Our committee has asked for this direction from the Selectmen and will be available to work with the Board to address these issues.

Other Concerns Including a Proposition 2-1/2 Override

The Finance Committee is aware that major expenditures will be required to the Public Safety Building and the Memorial School. In addition, we have been advised of problems in the heating systems at the Public Safety Building and Library, as well as the Park Street and Memorial Schools. All these issues will have a significant financial impact to the town in the near future.

It appears the real estate tax revenues under the 2-1/2% limit constraints will be insufficient for our town to continue the present level of services. It's no surprise that Proposition 2-1/2 will yield this result given the reduced level of state aid, the increased costs of state mandated special education programs, a current inflation rate over 2.5%, and the dramatic slowdown of tax revenues from new construction in Hopedale.

In addition, we realize there is a limit to the amount of additional real estate taxes that can be paid by the town residents. It should be understood, that even with an override or debt exclusion, the budgets can not continue to rise at the levels enjoyed since fiscal year '86. The Finance Committee is aware of the School Committee's request for an override for fiscal year '91. Our committee will address this issue and make a recommendation to the residents prior to any town vote.

Conclusion

The information presented in this report should be helpful in understanding our town's financial condition. We have included many historical numbers for you to digest prior to the Special Town Meeting. We advise you to focus on the general patterns of changes in the various budgets and do not overemphasize specific line items that stand out in a particular year. Special one-time expenditures in a given year may have distorted the figures for comparison purposes with other years. We have attempted to isolate some of these to provide you with a more meaningful comparison.

We hope this report will provide you with the required financial information to make sound decisions at the Special Town Meeting. Our committee will hold a public hearing to discuss our recommendations and answer questions prior to the town meeting.

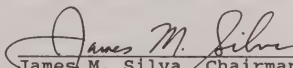
The information in this report with respect to the reduction in state aid and the resulting impact on our town services may upset many residents and cause much moaning and groaning in the next several weeks. All the concerns from area towns to date have virtually gone unanswered at the state level. We suggest you put some time aside this week, and call or write your State Senator and State

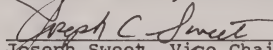
Representative. This may be the only way to fix the broken promises of state aid and restore the aid to levels prior to the reductions.


The Finance Committee would like to thank the department heads for their cooperation during the budget process. In particular, we want to extend our appreciation to the Town Administrator, Jack Hayes, for his availability, assistance, and coordination with the town departments and boards during the budget process.

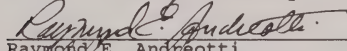
Respectfully submitted,

The Hopedale Finance Committee

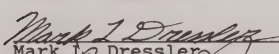

James M. Silva, Chairman

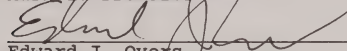

Joseph Sweet, Vice Chairman


Victor Lamothe, Secretary


Raymond E. Andreotti


Donald Comastra


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Alfred H. Sparling


Steven Tenenholtz

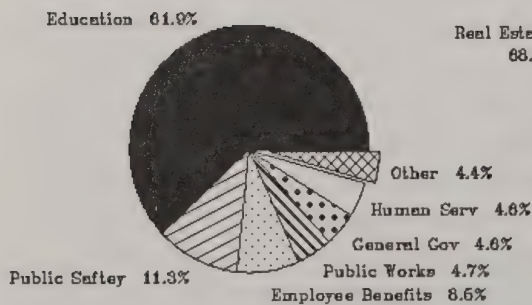
Finance Committee Recommendations

<u>Article</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Description of Article</u>
1	Favorable	Selectmen, reports from town committees
2	Pass over	Selectmen, salaries of elected officials
3	Favorable	Selectmen, legal proceedings
4	Favorable	Treasurer, borrow money
5	Favorable	Treasurer, compensation balance agreements
6	Favorable	Selectmen, foreclosure to tax titles
7	Favorable	Selectmen, sell land less than one acre
8	Favorable	Selectmen and Assessors, assessment date changes for new growth
9	Pass over	Selectmen and Treasurer/Collector, change to quarterly tax bills in fiscal year '92
10	Favorable	Road Commissioners, accept and expend State highway funds

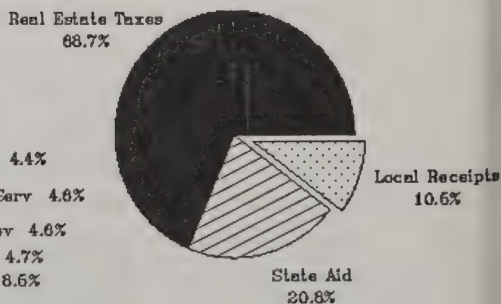
11		Road Commissioners, accept Wescott Road
12		Road Commissioners, accept Tillotson Road
13		Road Commissioners, accept Tandem Way
14	Favorable	Board of Health, multi-year bids on rubbish removal
15		Selectmen, change public bidding from \$4,000 to \$10,000
16	Favorable	Selectmen, require all taxes paid prior to issuing permits and licenses
17	Unfavorable	By Petition, abolish position of Town Administrator
18	Pass over	Water and Sewer Comm., Water Dept. budget
19	Pass over	Water and Sewer Comm., Sewer Dept. budget
20	Favorable	Water and Sewer Comm., Sewer bond issue
21	Unfavorable	By Petition, rescind "weak fire chief law"
22	Unfavorable	By Petition, accept "strong fire chief law"

Fiscal Year 1990

(Excludes Water & Sewer Departments)



Appropriations



Revenue Sources

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 2, 1990

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:30 P.M. There being a quorum present the Moderator read the warrant and return.

Moderator Stock welcomed Selectman Walter R. Swift to his first meeting in his new position.

The Moderator appointed counters for the evening, swore them in and proceeded as follows:

Article 1: On a motion by Chairman of the Board of Selectman, Eugene Phillips, it was voted to hear and act upon the report of the Selectman, and any other officers, departments and committees of said Town.

On a motion by Chairman Silva of the Finance Committee, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over the Finance Committees Budget Report.

School Building Committee member Al Sparling spoke briefly on his report.

Several members of the School Study Committee spoke on there report and Mr. Brian Wells, Chairman of the School Study Committee submitted and read the report. Copy of report is attached. A motion was made and duly seconded, that this will be the final report on the School Study Committee.

Article 2: On a motion made by Selectman Swift, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 3: On a motion by Selectman Wagman, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Selectman to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

Article 4: On a motion by Treasurer Carolyn Marcotte, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning July 1, 1990, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provision of General laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 5: On a motion by Treasurer Carolyn Marcotte, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1991 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, and as amended by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1989.

Article 6: On a motion by Selectman Swift, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell by sale or public auction any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of tax titles thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefore, authority to expire May 1, 1991.

Article 7: On a motion by Selectman Wagman, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at a public sale, during a legally convened meeting, for such price as they deem necessary, parcels of vacant land presently under the control of the Board of Selectmen and not required for any municipal purposes. The total area of land sold to any one person shall not exceed one acre. A record of all sales giving the name and

addresses of the purchases, and the area and location of the land sold and the price sold therefore, shall be kept by the Selectmen and shall be available for public inspection at all reasonable times. Authority therefore to expire June 30, 1991.

Article 8: On a motion by Assessor Jamie Schwingle, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding assessment date changes for new growth.

Article 9: On a motion by Chairman Silva of the Finance Committee, duly seconded, it was voted to postpone action on this article until we act on the financial articles for Fiscal Year 1991.

Article 10: On a motion by Road Commissioner, Merwin Noyes, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Board of Road Commissioners, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, accept and expend the Town's share of funds as contained in the Commonwealth's Highway Aid programs for Fiscal Year 1991.

Article 11: Commissioner Noyes moved to accept the deed to and the layout of a portion of Westcott Road for a length of 757.0 feet, as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners.

Said street being shown on a plan entitled Pinecrest & Pinecrest 11 in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester County District Registry of Deeds in Plan Books 528 and 576, Plans 37 & 29. Said layout and description of Westcott Road including all easements, as shown on plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth. Motion was duly seconded and unanimously voted by voice vote.

Article 12: Commissioner Noyes moved to accept the deed to and the layout of Tillotson Road for a length of 300.0 feet, as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners.

Said street being shown on a plan entitled Pinecrest 11 in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 576, Plan 29. Said layout and description of Tillotson Road including all easements, as shown on plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth. Motion was duly seconded and unanimously voted by voice vote.

Article 13: Commissioner Noyes moved to accept the deed to and the layout of Tandem Way for a length of 350 feet, as an accepted public way as laid out and recommended by the Board of Road Commissioners.

Said street being shown on a plan entitled Jefco Industrial Park in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Said plan being recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 493, Plan 7. Said layout and description of Tandem Way including all easements, as shown on plan being incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth.

A brief discussion ensued on this motion.

Mr. Joseph Burns of 333 South Main Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts was recognized by the Moderator and Mr. Burns stated that Tandem Drive abuts his property and that he currently has a suit pending in Superior Court against Braun Express and the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts and that he is making a motion to pass over this article pending a decision by the Court.

An amendment was made to table the motion.

Town Counsel Stephen Dawley spoke briefly on this issue. A motion was made to pass over this amendment and the Moderator called for a voice vote and being unable to determine the vote counters were appointed and sworn in and a standing vote taken. By a two-thirds majority vote of 192 to 95 the motion was tabled. Motion carried.

Article 14: On a motion by Selectman Swift, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract for rubbish removal for a one, two, or three year term as may be determined by the Board of Health to be in the best interest of the Town.

Mr. Robert Metcalf made a motion, duly seconded, to amend the main motion to read with approval of Town Meeting voters before entering into a contract for one, two or three years. Town Counsel Stephen Dawley stated you do not need town meeting voters to approve this contract.

The vote on the amended motion by Mr. Metcalf was defeated and the main motion carried by a unanimously voice vote.

Article 15: On a motion made by Chairman Phillips, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass over this article.

Article 16: On a motion by Chairman Phillips, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to require that all taxes, assessments, fees or charges of any kind owed to the Town shall be paid in full prior to the Town issuing any permit, license or any other lawful town document as may be required by the delinquent individual and/or corporate business, by adopting the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 57, as may be amended.

Article 17: By Petition. The supporters of the petition failed to move their own article. The Moderator twice asked for a motion to move the article. On a motion made, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

Article 18: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass over this article until the Town votes on the general operational budgets for FY'91.

Article 19: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to pass over this article until the Town Votes on the general operational budgets for FY'91.

Article 20: On a motion made by Water Sewer Commissioner Chairman, Harold Anderson, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appropriate through assessments as provided under Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under Chapter 44, Section 53E, the Bond Issue payments due, principal and interest, in the amount of \$120,905.00 for FY'91.

Article 21: By Petition. On a motion made by Fire Chief David Durgin, duly seconded, to implement M.G.L. Chapter 48, Section 42 and to rescind M.G.L. Chapter 48, Section 42A.

A lengthy discussion ensued on this motion.

After all parties had an opportunity to be heard the Moderator called for a voice vote on this motion and being unable to determine the vote of the meeting a standing vote was requested by the Moderator and the results were: 146 against and 110 in favor. Motion defeated.

Article 22: By Petition. On a motion made by Fire Chief Durgin, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

On a motion by Chairman Eugene Phillips, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town Meeting Warrant be resolved at 9:16 P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
TOWN WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 26, 1990 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County,
Greetings:

In the name of the commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Tuesday, June 26, 1990 in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 8:00 P.M. to act upon the following Articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain unexpended balances from certain accounts to other accounts for FY'90 to meet a deficit in other accounts, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer any sum or sums of money from the Freedom Street Bridge Account, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to reduce operating budgets in various town departments as voted for Fiscal Year 1990 due to lack of funding in various catagories by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

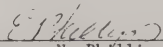
Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Certified Free Cash a sum or sums of money to offset operating deficits for Fiscal Year 1990, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

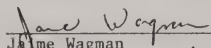
Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from prior or current years abatements and exemptions to prior years deficit to reduce or eliminate said deficit, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

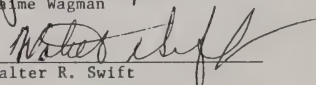
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventh day of May, 1990.

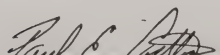
SELECTMEN
OF
HOPEDALE


Eugene N. Phillips, Chairman


Jaime Wagman


Walter R. Swift

ATTEST:


Constable of Hopedale

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990
JUNE 26, 1990
8:00 P.M.

In order to close out Fiscal Year 1990, the Town needs to correct the following operational budgets through transfer from available funds (A.F.), Free Cash (F.C.), or the Reserve Fund (R.F.).

CURRENT STATUS OF FY'90

ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS

Health Insurance	\$ 4,100
Liability Insurance	5,600
Inspections, Plumbing	2,500
Inspections, Wiring	3,500
Street Lighting	2,000
Pensions	500
Certified Free Cash	4,000
Reserve Fund	4,400
TOTAL	\$26,600

ACCOUNTS REQUIRING FUNDS

Finance Committee Reports	\$ 500	A.F.
School Study Committee	300	A.F.
Medicare Insurance	1,250	A.F.
Board of Health	5,500	A.F.
Legal	5,050	F.C. & A.F.
Town Clerk	2,000	R.F.
Fire Dept., Salaries	8,100	A.F.
Fire Dept., Appar. & Equip.	2,400	A.F. & R.F.
Fire Dept., Heating	500	R.F.
TOTAL	\$25,600	

Our recommendations for this Town Meeting are as follows:

ARTICLE 1: I move to transfer from various FY'90 accounts the following sums of money as approved by the Annual Town Meeting of September, 1989:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
Health Insurance	\$ 4,100	Finance Committee Reports	\$ 500
Liability Insurance	5,600	School Study Committee	300
Inspections	6,000	Medicare Insurance	1,250
Street Lighting	2,000	Legal	1,050
Pensions	500	Board of Health	5,500
		Fire Dept., Salaries	8,100
		Fire Department	1,500
TOTAL	\$18,200	TOTAL	\$18,200

For a total transfer from available funds of \$18,200.

ARTICLE 2: I move to pass over this article and authorize the Town Accountant to close out this account and transfer said balance, including accrued interest, to the General Operating Fund of the Town.

ARTICLE 3: I move to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 4: I move to raise and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 to the Legal Account.

ARTICLE 5: "I move to transfer the sum of \$43,030.93 from Overlay Surplus to Fiscal 1989 to reduce said deficit for FY'89." - Jamie Schwingle, Board of Assessors.

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 26, 1990

FISCAL YEAR 1990

At 7:20 P.M. the Moderator appointed and swore in counters for the evening.

This Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock at 7:30 P.M. There being a quorum present the Moderator read the warrant and return.

Article 1: Finance Committee Chairman James M. Silva moved to transfer from various FY'90 accounts the following sums of money as approved by the Annual Town Meeting of September, 1989:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
Health Insurance	\$4,100	Finance Committee Reports	500
Liability Insurance	5,600	School Study Committee	300
Inspections	6,000	Medicare Insurance	1,250
Street Lighting	2,000	Legal	1,050
Pensions	500	Board of Health	5,500
		Fire Dept., Salaries	8,100
		Fire Department	1,500
TOTAL	18,200	TOTAL	18,200

For a total transfer from available funds of \$18,200.

Chairman Silva explained the reasons for this motion which was duly seconded, and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Article 2: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article and authorize the Town Accountant to close out this account and transfer said balance, including accrued interest, to the General Operating Fund of the Town.

Article 3: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 4: Chairman Silva moved to raise and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 to the Legal Account. This motion was duly seconded, and passed on a voice vote.

Article 5: Assessor Jamie Schwingle moved to transfer the sum of \$43,030.93 from Overlay Surplus to Fiscal 1989 to reduce said deficit for FY'89.

A lengthy discussion ensued on this article

After all parties had the opportunity to be heard the Moderator called for a voice vote to close this debate and move the question. Being unable to determine the vote of the meeting a standing vote was requested by the Moderator and the results were: 542 in favor and 6 opposed: motion carried by a two-thirds majority vote.

On a motion by Chairman Eugene Phillips, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town Meeting Warrant be resolved at 7:59 P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS.
TOWN WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991
JUNE 26, 1990

To either of the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in said County,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on Tuesday, June 26, 1990, in the Dennett Auditorium of the Hopedale Junior/Senior High School at 7:30 P.M. to act upon the following articles;

Article 1: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to eliminate Section 9 of Chapter III of the General By-Laws of the Town of Hopedale, or take any action in relation thereto. (by petition)

Chapter III, Section 9 General By-Laws:

The Town of Hopedale the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, meeting in joint session, to appoint a Town Administrator for a term of one, three, or five years, and to enter into

a contract with said individual for services as Town Administrator. The Town Administrator appointed under the provisions of this by-law shall be sworn to the faithful performance of said duties. Said individual shall receive aggregate compensation as the Selectmen and Water and Sewer Commissioners may determine. Compensation for said position shall be equally divided between the General Government budget under the control of the Board of Selectmen and the water and sewer budget under the control of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. The Town Administrator shall act by and for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners in any matter under their supervision and control said boards may deem appropriate relating to the administration of the affairs of the Town or any other Town office or department with the approval of the Board of Selectmen; may perform such duties as may be requested by any other Town Office or department with the approval of the Board of Selectmen; may perform such duties as may be requested by any other Town Office, board, committee, or commission. The Town Administrator shall hold no elective Town Office, but may be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to any other Town Office or position consistent with the Office of Town Administrator.

Article 2: To see what salary and compensation the Town will allow each elected officer for his/her services. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 41 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 regarding quarterly tax bills or take any action related thereto. (Board of Selectmen and Treasurer/Collector)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide the necessary changes in software, hardware, forms and other incidental related items as may be required to implement Section 41 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989, as contained in Article 2 or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen and Treasurer/Collector).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws as voted on April 5, 1982, under Chapter V, Section 3, by changing the amount in line two from "four thousand dollars" to "ten thousand dollars" as allowed under the "Uniform Procurement Act" as contained in M.G.L., Chapter 30B, with a mandatory implementation date of May 1, 1990, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer under Article 41, Section 69B, certain anticipated receipts for the operational expenses of the Water Department, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer under Chapter 83, Section 16, certain anticipated receipts for the operational expenses of the Sewer Department, or take any action in relation thereto. (Water and Sewer Commissioners)

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease, or take any action in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Insect Pest Control, or take any action in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Insect Pest Control)

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay its share of the costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any action in relation thereto. (Planning Board)

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the towns assessments for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School, or take any action in relation thereto. (Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee Representative)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for post-secondary vocational tuition, as required by M.G.L. Chapter 74, Section 8 and 37 b-f, or take any action in relation thereto. (School Committee)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to add Chapter XVII to the General By-Laws of the Town.

LICENSES AND PERMITS OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to pay municipal taxes or charges.

The Town of Hopedale may deny any application for, or revoke or suspend any local license or permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, or department for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

Section 1:

The Tax Collector shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for a period of twelve (12) months or more, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

Section 2:

The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Tax Collector. Before taking any such action the licensing authority shall forthwith give the party written notice of its intended action. The licensing authority shall also schedule a hearing, the date of which shall be included in the notice to the party, which shall be scheduled within forty five (45) days, but no earlier than fourteen (14) days, after the date of said notice. A copy of said notice shall be sent by the licensing authority to the Tax Collector. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. (The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension and may be provided evidence to the licensing authority of the party's neglect or refusal to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges.) Any finding made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension.

Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be issued, reissued, renewed, or transferred until the licensing authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector that the party has paid any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges due and payable to the Town of Hopedale as of the date of issuance of said certificate.

Section 3.

Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement on terms acceptable to the licensing authority and Tax Collector, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit, and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as provided in Section 2.

Section 4.

The Board of Selectmen may upon written request of the taxpayer waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

Section 5.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning, section thirteen of chapter forty-eight; bicycle permits: section eleven A of chapter eight-five; sales of articles for charitable purposes, section thirty-three of chapter one hundred and one; children work permits, section sixty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-nine; clubs, associations, dispensing food or beverage licenses, section twenty-one E of chapter one hundred and thirty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty; fishing, hunting, trapping license, section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-one; marriage licenses, section twenty-eight of chapter two hundred and seven and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, section one hundred and eighty-one of chapter one hundred and forty, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, as contained in the Finance Committee report. (Finance Committee)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum or sums of money for a Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund as provided under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to defray town charges for Fiscal Year 1991 through the use of Overlay Surplus, or take any action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to fund various eligible capital expenditures through use of the Stabilization Fund for Fiscal Year 1991 as provided under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from any available fund or funds sums of money for Capital Expenditures through purchasing, bonding, or leasing in various departments. (Finance Committee)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning By-Laws as adopted on June 11, 1973, and approved by the Attorney General on November 16, 1973, as follows:

Under Section 9.1 Earth Removal Restrictions; amend the term "Board of Selectmen" to "Building Commissioner".

Under Section 10.1 Enforcement; amend the term "Board of Selectmen" to "Building Commissioner".

Under Section 10.1 (a); amend the term "Board of Selectmen" to "Building Commissioner", and any other section of these Zoning By-Laws which contain the term "Board of Selectmen" shall be amended to read "Building Commissioner", except under Section 10.3 Board of Appeals, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as adopted on June 11, 1973, and approved by the Attorney General on November 16, 1973, as follows:

By amending Section 10.6 Penalties from "be punished by a fine of not more than \$25.00 for each offense" to "be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00 for each offense", or take any other action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

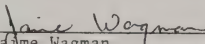
Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to commence the required process to sell or lease the municipal Water Department. (Board of Selectmen)

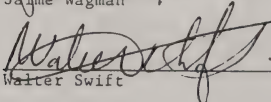
Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to engage the services of a private consultant to evaluate, develop, and complete the required information to effect the orderly sale or lease of the Water Department, as voted under Article 21, or take any action in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, and make return to the Clerk of the Town of Hopedale, at the time of the meeting aforesaid.

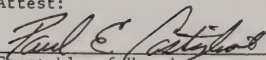
Given under our hands this 7th day of May, 1990.


Eugene N. Phillips, Chairman


Jaime Wagman


Walter Swift

Attest:


Constable of Hopedale

HOPEDALE
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 1991



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 26, 1990

AS VOTED

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Budget Message

To the Residents and Taxpayers of Hopedale:

The past year has been a very frustrating year for many communities in Massachusetts. The State reduced Hopedale's aid by over \$200,000 in the current fiscal year 1990. It appears that about \$175,000 of this reduction will be restored to our town in July as a result of a recent court decision. Our committee is recommending a portion of these funds be applied to offset the current year deficit (which is over \$40,000) at a future Special Town Meeting.

Unfortunately, the State has made no commitment to provide aid to towns at this higher level in fiscal year 1991 (FY'91). Therefore, we have made our budget recommendations for FY'91 based on State aid at the September, 1989 level (\$200,000 lower than the June amount).

There are some expenditures that we have little or no control over and will continue to rise this year. We have isolated a few of the expenditures which increased by about \$150,300 this year as follows:

Active employee health insurance	\$ 60,000
Retired employee health insurance	50,000
Interest on short term loans	20,000
Post-Secondary tuition	8,700
Blackstone Valley School assessment	7,500
County retirement assessment	4,100
	<u>\$150,300</u>

Revenues from real estate taxes combined with local receipts (primarily motor vehicle excise taxes and fines) are estimated to increase about \$92,000 this year. This increase is not sufficient to cover the required \$150,300 for the few items listed above. In addition, "one-time revenue sources" such as overlay surplus and free cash were used last year, but are not available this year. Therefore, we are required to reduce many department budgets in order to arrive at a total balanced budget for the town in FY'91.

Article 14 includes the Finance Committee's recommendations for the majority of the town department budgets. Our recommendations for the largest departments show decreases as follows:

School	- 4.6%
Police	- 5.8%
Fire	- 0.6%
Highway	-14.3%
Library	- 6.0%

This report has been prepared prior to the override vote held on June 19, 1990. Our recommendations are based on a balanced budget

without the additional revenues from an override passage. Our committee will recommend \$305,000 be added to the School Department's budget if the override passes.

The residents should be aware of the inequities in pay increases for town employees in FY'91. The salary increase in the School Department for collective bargaining employees is contracted at 6.1% for FY'91 and FY'92. This increase coupled with step increases for service and educational credits will amount to over 7% in each of the next two years. It is our understanding that non-union employees in the School Department will also receive the 6.1% increase in FY'91. Our committee believes an override will be required next year to maintain the current School staff and fund the last year of the current collective bargaining contract.


The Police and Fire Department union employees recently settled a contract for FY'91 with the town for a salary increase of about 3.5%. The non-union town employees (other than School employees) will receive a 3.5% pay increase also. Our committee commends these employees who recognize the town's fiscal problems.

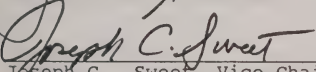
The Finance Committee held meetings on 33 evenings during the past year to conduct budget hearings and deal with the fiscal problems facing our town. In addition, we attended several meetings of the Board of Selectmen to discuss the budgets of the Police, Fire, and General Government Departments. After many hours, we have recommended budgets that we feel will provide our town with an acceptable level of services, given the resources available this year. The problems will not disappear next year and we anticipate another difficult year.

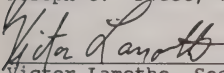
The Finance Committee would like to thank all the Department Heads and Boards for their cooperation during this budget cycle. In particular, we received revised budgets by line item from the Selectmen, Police, Fire, Library, and Highway Departments which met our reduced bottom line budget targets.

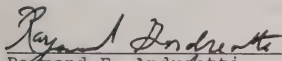
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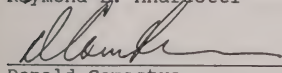
The Hopedale Finance Committee

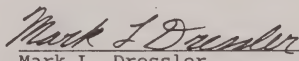

James M. Silva, Chairman

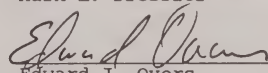

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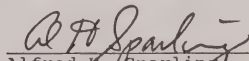

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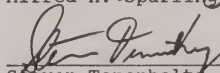

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Comments on Certain Articles

Article 1

The Finance Committee is recommending unfavorable action on this article. Passage of this article would eliminate the position of Town Administrator.

The salary of this position is \$40,064 for the current year. One-half or \$20,032 is paid from the General Government budget and the other half is paid equally from the Water and Sewer Department budgets. Therefore, \$20,032 would be available to town budgets under the Proposition 2 1/2 levy limit if the position is eliminated. The position has been responsible for assisting town departments in receiving State and Federal Grants. This position has administered the State and Federal Grants of \$8.8 million for the new Waste Treatment Plant. In addition, the Town Administrator has assisted in obtaining grants in the last several years as follows:

State Highway Funds	\$ 258,000
Freedom Street Bridge	203,000
Green Street Wells	100,000
Other Water & Sewer Projects	70,000
Traffic Street Lights	<u>139,000</u>
	\$ 770,000

This position is also responsible for :

- Administrative activities of the Water & Sewer Departments
- Preparing materials for public meeting & follow up action
- Assisting the Finance Committee
- Preparing Town Reports
- Preparing and monitoring General Government budgets

Residents should be aware that the town is contracted to pay the salary for this position for the next year. In addition, it is possible that payment of the salary may be required for a subsequent year.

In summary, we feel the position of Town Administrator is an important position to our town and should be retained. The compensation for this position is reasonable given the knowledge and expertise required in Municipal Government and the administration of our Water and Sewer Departments. The Finance Committee recommends unfavorable action on this article.

Article 18

The Finance Committee is recommending \$150,000 from the Stabilization Fund be used to repair/replace boilers and remove asbestos at the Park Street and Memorial Schools. It is our understanding the repairs at Memorial School cannot be delayed another year.

The \$150,000 will reduce the assets in the Stabilization Fund to about \$250,000. Our committee will consider a recommendation that the balance of the one-time July payment of \$175,000 from the State (after being applied to the current year deficit) be transferred to the Stabilization Fund. This transfer is not being considered at tonight's meeting. Our committee is aware of serious problems with the heating system at the Library that must be addressed before this winter season. In addition, there may be major expenditures required to the Public Safety Building and Memorial School in the future.

Finance Committee Recommendations

<u>Article</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Description of Article</u>	
1	Unfavorable	By Petition, eliminate position of Town Administrator	
2	Favorable	Selectmen, salaries of elected officials	
		Selectmen, Chairman	\$ 1,000
		Selectmen, Members (2)	850
		Moderator	200
		Town Clerk	15,000

Tree Warden	600
Board of Health, Chairman	500
Board of Health, Members (2)	450*
Road Commissioners, Chairman	500
Road Commissioners, Members (2)	450*
Park Commissioners, Chairman	300
Park Commissioners, Members (2)	250*
Water & Sewer Commissioners, Chairman	500
Water & Sewer Commissioners, Members (2)	450*
Total salaries of elected officials	\$ 23,500

* per member

3	To be made at Town Meeting	Change to quarterly tax bills in FY '92	
4	To be made at Town Meeting	Funds for implementing quarterly tax bills	
5	To be made at Town Meeting	Selectmen, change public bidding from \$4,000 to \$10,000	
6	Favorable	Water Department budget -	\$353,400
7	Favorable	Sewer Department budget -	\$382,400
8	Favorable	Dutch Elm Disease -	\$ 750
9	Favorable	Insect Pest Control -	\$ 100
10	Favorable	Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission -	\$ 680
11	Favorable	Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School -	\$ 52,891
12	Favorable	Post-Secondary vocational tuition	\$ 8,650
13	Favorable	Selectmen, require all taxes paid prior to issuing licences and permits	

Article Recommendation Description of Recommendations

14	Favorable	Department budgets as follows:
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	FY'90 Appropriation	FY'91 Requests	FY'91 Recommend	
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General Government

1. Town Counsel				
Salaries (retainer)	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
Other	5,500	8,000	5,500	
Total	12,000	14,500	12,000	0.0%
2. Town Moderator				
Salaries, Elected	200	200	200	
Other	0	1,000	50	
School Building Comm.	0	10,000	3,500	
Total	200	11,200	3,750	
3. Selectmen				
Salaries, Elected	2,700	2,700	2,700	
Zoning books	0	1,500	1,500	
Blackstone Val Dev Comm.	250	1,200	0	

Other	3,687	3,500	2,650	
Total	6,637	8,900	6,850	3.2%
4. General Office				
Salaries	77,215	80,430	80,430	
Overtime	750	1,000	750	
Other	25,650	27,375	26,575	
Total	103,615	108,805	107,755	4.0%
5. Finance Committee	500	500	500	0.0%
6. Assessors				
Salaries	57,692	60,025	60,025	
Overtime	1,000	718	0	
Salaries, Board	3,500	3,500	3,500	
Other	16,000	13,949	9,550	
Total	78,192	78,192	73,075	-6.5%
7. Town Clerk				
Salaries, Elected	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Print town by-laws	0	1,500	0	
Other	6,425	6,070	5,840	
Total	21,425	22,570	20,840	-2.7%
8. Election Expenses				
Salaries	853	2,091	2,091	
Other	740	2,625	2,625	
Total	1,593	4,716	4,716	*
9. Board of Registrars				
Salaries	1,302	1,302	1,302	
Other	250	250	250	
Total	1,552	1,552	1,552	0.0%
10. Parking Clerk	750	750	750	0.0%
11. Planning Board	100	100	100	0.0%
12. Zoning Board of Appeals	750	750	750	0.0%
13. Industrial Development Comm	50	50	25	*
14. Town Hall Building				
Salaries	5,200	5,401	5,401	
Electric	3,100	3,100	3,100	
Heat	10,000	12,300	10,000	
Other	8,000	7,500	5,000	
Total	26,300	28,301	23,501	-10.6%
15. Building Department				
Salaries	13,000	13,000	13,000	
Other	3,050	3,050	3,050	
Total	16,050	16,050	16,050	10,050
16. Dog Officer				
Salaries	3,744	3,894	3,894	
Other	1,550	1,400	1,400	
Total	5,294	5,294	5,294	0.0%
Total General Government	275,008	302,230	277,508	271,508
17. Conservation Commission	1,250	1,250	250	*

18. Police Department				
Salaries	287,309	307,686	307,686	
Overtime	50,000	50,000	25,000	
Vehicle/Maintenance	22,400	22,400	19,600	
Other	39,752	41,135	24,200	
New Dispatcher	0	17,680	0	
Second cruiser	0	16,435	0	
Total	399,461	455,336	376,486	-5.8%
19. Fire Department				
Salaries	132,259	132,800	132,800	
Call Firefighting	22,880	23,666	23,666	
Overtime	21,000	22,995	22,995	
Other	21,426	20,300	20,300	
Building expenses	19,000	19,000	19,000	
Hydrant rental fees	6,272	0	0	
Alarm boxes (user fees)	2,400	5,200	5,200	
Dispatchers	0	73,455	0	
New firefighter	0	2,853	0	
New recruit training	0	24,679	0	
Command vehicle	0	16,560	0	
Office computer	0	1,600	0	
Channel guard	0	5,000	0	
Phone/radio recorder	0	3,200	0	
Total	225,237	351,308	223,961	-0.6%
20. Civil Defense				
Salaries	106	106	106	
Other	310	310	310	
Total	416	416	416	0.0%
21. Forestry (Tree Warden)				
Salaries, Elected	600	600	600	
Other	7,000	11,100	7,000	
Total	7,600	11,700	7,600	0.0%
22. School Department				
	3,527,968	4,045,902	3,364,000	3,370,000
23. Highway Department				
Salaries	113,582	127,853	105,598	
Overtime	9,636	12,000	9,600	
Salaries, Elected	1,400	1,400	1,400	
Snow, sand & salt	24,000	28,000	20,000	
Chapter 90 Expenditures	8,000	10,000	10,000	
Truck	21,500	41,600	0	
Other	55,980	69,530	54,000	
Total	234,098	290,383	200,598	-14.3%
24. Street Lighting				
	33,500	36,950	36,950	10.3%
25. Health and Sanitation				
Salaries	1,497	1,497	1,497	
Salaries, Elected	1,400	1,400	1,400	
Trash pick-up & removal	228,000	247,000	230,000	
Other	2,350	2,500	2,500	
Total	233,247	252,397	235,397	0.9%
26. Council on Aging				
Salaries	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Utilities	565	565	565	
Other	7,215	7,215	7,215	
Total	22,780	22,780	22,780	0.0%

27. Veteran's Benefits				
Salaries	2,500	2,326	2,326	
Veteran's Benefits	9,000	9,000	9,000	
Total	11,500	11,326	11,326	-1.5%
28. Comm. for the Handicapped	300	300	300	0.0%
29. Library				
Salaries	57,664	59,396	53,106	
Utilities	7,838	7,838	7,368	
Repairs/Maintenance	5,000	5,000	4,800	
Books	17,039	18,646	16,712	
Other	1,352	2,352	1,574	
Total	88,893	93,232	83,560	-6.0%
30. Park Department				
Salaries	15,804	15,804	15,804	
Salaries, Elected	800	800	800	
Weed control	5,000	5,000	4,000	
Other	9,328	9,328	8,328	
Total	30,932	30,932	28,932	-6.5%
31. Historical Commission	2,000	2,000	1,400	-30.0%
32. Council on Arts	3,895	3,645	2,916	-25.1%
33. Maturing Debt & Interest				
Princ. - heating syst.	16,000	16,000	16,000	
Inter. -heating syst.	6,200	5,400	5,400	
Princ. -school buses	11,818	11,818	11,818	
Inter. -school buses	2,128	1,420	1,420	
Princ. -capital items	51,365	51,365	51,365	
Inter. -capital items	11,300	8,480	8,480	
Inter. on temp. loans	20,000	40,000	40,000	
Total	118,811	134,483	134,483	13.2%
34. Red Shop Preservation	4,000	4,000	3,000	-25.0%
35. Unclassified				
Town Cemetery	2,420	2,150	2,150	
Memorial Day	500	500	500	
Pensions	15,200	15,000	15,000	
Unemploy. comp.-school	0	38,000	38,000	
Medicare	18,000	18,000	18,000	
Health insurance	184,000	244,000	244,000	
Liability insurance	120,000	120,000	120,000	
Annual town audit	13,500	13,500	13,500	
Retired insurance	0	50,000	50,000	
Police revolving acc't	0	3,000	3,000	
Total	353,620	504,150	504,150	42.6%

TOTAL DEPARTMENT BUDGETS	<u>5,574,516</u>	<u>6,554,720</u>	<u>5,516,013</u>	-1.0%
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Article	Recommendation	Description of Articles	
15	Favorable	Reserve Fund Appropriation -	\$ 44,164
16	Pass Over	Stabilization Fund Appropriation	
17	Pass Over	Overlay Surplus	
18	Favorable	Use of Stabilization Fund for boilers at Memorial and Park Street Schools and asbestos removal	\$ 150,000

19	Pass Over	Capital expenditures - bonding
20	Favorable	Bring Zoning By-Laws into conformance with State regulations
21	Favorable	Increase penalty in Zoning By-Laws from \$25 to \$200 [current General By-Laws of the town is \$200]
22	To be made at Town Meeting	Selectmen, commence process to lease or sell the Water System
23	To be made at Town Meeting	Consultant for Water system - \$5,000

Reconciliation of Expenditures and Receipts

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY'91</u>
Article 8	Dutch Elm Disease	750
Article 9	Insect Pest Control	100
Article 10	Central Mass. Planning	680
Article 11	Blackstone Valley School	52,891
Article 12	Post-Secondary voc. tuition	8,650
Article 14	Total Department budgets	5,516,013
Article 15	Reserve Fund	44,164
Article 18	Stabilization Fund - School boilers	150,000
Article 23	Water system lease	5,000
	sub-total	5,778,248
Article 6	Water Department	353,400
Article 7	Sewer Department	382,400
	Total All Appropriations	6,514,048
Other Local	Expenditures & Assessments:	
	County Retirement Fund	156,498
	Overlay Reserve for Abatements	200,000
	Cherry Sheet Charges & Offsets	22,668
	Total Other Local Expenditures	379,166
	TOTAL RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES	6,893,214

RECEIPTS

Estimated Local Receipts	
Motor vehicle excise taxes	350,000
Penalties & interest on taxes & excises	25,500
Fire alarm system	5,200
Police permits	900
Rentals	28,500
Department revenue - schools	3,000
Department revenue - cemeteries	250
Other department revenue	2,300
Licenses and permits	15,600
Fines and forfeitures	65,000
Investment income	50,000
Municipal liens	5,000
Sewer surplus revenue	5,000
Total Local Receipts	556,250
Estimated Cherry Sheet Receipts	1,206,664
Stabilization Fund	150,000
Estimated Other Revenues - Water & Sewer	735,800
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	2,648,714

<u>CALCULATION OF SURPLUS / (SHORTAGE)</u>		
Total Recommended Expenditures AS VOTED		6,888,214
Minus Total Estimated Receipts		2,648,714
Net to be raised		4,239,500
Allowable Tax Levy		4,244,500
Surplus / (Shortage)	SURPLUS	5,000

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 26, 1990

FISCAL YEAR 1991

This Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:00 P.M. and called to order by Moderator Bernard J. Stock with the reading of the warrant and return being entered into the record.

The Moderator appointed and swore in other counters in the Music Room.

Article 1: By Petition. On a motion made by Mr. Charles Espanet and duly seconded, to abolish the position of Town Administrator.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the floor relative to this position and all parties had an opportunity to speak.

A motion was made, duly seconded, to vote by secret ballot.

Another motion was made and duly seconded, to amend the secret ballot motion and have a standing vote which was defeated.

The Moderator then called for a voice vote on the secret ballot motion which carried.

Secret Ballot voting started at 9:10 P.M. and the results were announced by the Moderator at 9:53 P.M. Results are 315 in the affirmative and 315 in the negative. Tie vote. Motion defeated.

Article 2: Selectman Swift moved that the Town allow each elected officer for his/her services the following compensation:

Moderator	200.00
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	1,000.00
2nd Member, Board of Selectmen	850.00
3rd Member, Board of Selectmen	850.00
Town Clerk	15,000.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Chairman, Board of Health	500.00
2nd Member, Board of Health	450.00
3rd Member, Board of Health	450.00
Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners	500.00
2nd Member, Board of Road Commissioners	450.00
3rd Member, Board of Road Commissioners	450.00
Chairman, Park Commissioners	300.00
2nd Member, Park Commissioners	250.00
3rd Member, Park Commissioners	250.00

Chairman, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners	500.00
2nd Member, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners	450.00
3rd Member, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners	450.00

The motion was duly seconded, and passed on a voice vote.

Article 3: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 4: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 5: Board of Selectman Chairman, Eugene N. Phillips moved that the Town Vote to amend the Town By-Laws as voted on April 5, 1982, under Chapter V, Section 3, by changing the amount in line two from "four thousand dollars" to "ten thousand dollars" as allowed under the "Uniform Procurement Act" as contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B.

On a motion made and duly seconded, this motion was defeated.

Article 6: On a motion by Water and Sewer Commissioner Aldo Tarco, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum \$353,400.00 to be collected under Chapter 41, Section 69B, for operational expenses of the Water Department.

Article 7: On a motion by Water and Sewer Commissioner J. Mark Ansart, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$382,400.00 to be collected under Chapter 83, Section 16, for operational expenses of the Sewer Department.

Article 8: On a motion by Tree Warden David Sawyer, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 9: On a motion by Tree Warden David Sawyer, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Insect Pest Control.

Article 10: On a motion by Eugene Phillips on behalf of Planning Board Chairman C. Travers, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$680.00 to pay its share of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

Article 11: On a motion by Roger Burns, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,891.00 for the Towns assessment for the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Article 12: On a motion by School Committee Chairman Mary Grady, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,650.00 for post-secondary vocational tuition, as required by M.G.L. Chapter 74, Section 8 and 37 b-f.

Article 13: On a motion made by Selectman Chairman Eugene Phillips, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to amend the General By-Laws by adding Chapter XVII as contained in the warrant for this meeting as follows:

LICENSES AND PERMITS OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to pay municipal taxes or charges.

The Town of Hopedale may deny any application for, or revoke or suspend any local license or permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, or department for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

Section 1:

The Tax Collector shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for a period of twelve (12) months or more, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

Section 2:

The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Tax Collector. Before taking any such action the licensing authority shall forthwith give the party written notice of its intended action. The licensing authority shall also schedule a hearing, the date of which shall be included in the notice to the party, which shall be scheduled within forty five (45) days, but no earlier than fourteen (14) days, after the date of said notice. A copy of said notice shall be sent by the licensing authority to the Tax

Collector. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. (The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension and may be provided evidence to the licensing authority of the party's neglect or refusal to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges.) Any finding made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension.

Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be issued, reissued, renewed, or transferred until the licensing authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector that the party has paid any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges due and payable to the Town of Hopedale as of the date of issuance of said certificate.

Section 3:

Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement on terms acceptable to the licensing authority and Tax Collector, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit, and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as provided in Section 2.

Section 4:

The Board of Selectmen may upon written request of the taxpayer waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

Section 5:

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning, section thirteen of chapter forty-eight; bicycle permits: section eleven A of chapter eight-five; sales of articles for charitable purposes, section thirty-three of chapter one hundred and one; children work permits, section sixty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-nine; clubs, associations, dispensing food or beverage licenses, section twenty-one E of chapter one

hundred and thirty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty; fishing, hunting, trapping license, section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-one; marriage licenses, section twenty-eight of chapter two hundred and seven and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, section one hundred and eighty-one of chapter one hundred and forty.

Article 14: Finance Committee Chairman James Silva moved that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, as contained in the Finance Committee report.

On a motion made, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to hold on all line items.

On a motion made, duly seconded, to proceed with the school budget first. Being unable to determine the vote of the meeting a standing vote was requested by the Moderator and the results were: 218 in the affirmative and 249 in the negative. Motion defeated.

Another motion was made, duly seconded, to proceed with Health & Sanitation first. This motion was defeated by voice vote.

Another motion was made on this article, duly seconded, to read as printed. Being unable to determine the vote a standing vote was taken and the results were: 235 in the affirmative and 239 in the negative. Motion defeated.

Another motion was made, duly seconded, to proceed as printed. No change in sequins of order. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

An amendment to the Building Department Budget was made, duly seconded, to reduce this budget by \$6,000.00 and put this money into the stabilization fund. The vote on this amended motion prevailed and the amendment passed by voice vote. Total balance of Building Dept. Budget now is \$10,050.00.

Discussions and questions continued on this article. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to move the question on the following departments; Dog Officer, Police Department, Forestry Department.

At this time a motion was made by Mr. Charles Espanet to adjourn this meeting at 11:30 P.M. and to continue this meeting at a later date. After a brief discussion on a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to close off debate and move the question.

A motion was made by Mr. John DiPietropolo to reduce the Health and Sanitation Budget by \$230,000.00 and to increase the School Budget by \$230,000.00

A lengthy discussion ensued on the floor and after all parties were heard the motion was withdrawn.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the balance of the total budget of the Finance Committee.

On a motion made, duly seconded, it was voted by voice vote to transfer \$6,000.00 from the stabilization fund to the School Budget.

Article 15: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,164.00 for a Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 1991.

Article 16: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 17: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 18: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, to fund through transfer from the Stabilization Fund under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, the following capital repairs:

Repairing the boilers at Memorial School.

Removing the asbestos within the boiler room at Memorial School.

Repairing the boiler at the Park Street School.

Said transfer not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Motion carried by a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 19: On a motion by Chairman Silva, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 20: On a motion by Selectman Wagman, duly seconded, to amend the Town's Zoning By-Laws as adopted on June 11, 1973, and approved by the Attorney General on November 16, 1973, as follows:

Under Section 9.1 Earth Removal Restrictions; amend the term "Board of Selectmen" to "Building Commissioner".

Under Section 10.1 Enforcement; amend the term "Board of Selectman" to "Building Commissioner".

Under Section 10.1 (a); amend the term "Board of Selectmen" to "Building Commissioner", and any other section of these Zoning By-Laws which contain the term "Board of Selectmen" shall be amended to read "Building Commissioner", except under Section 10.3 Board of Appeals.

Motion carried by a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 21: On a motion by Selectman Wagman, duly seconded, to amend the Zoning By-Laws as adopted on June 11, 1973, and approved by the Attorney General on November 16, 1973, as follows:

By amending Section 10.6 Penalties; from "Be punished by a fine of not more than \$25.00 for each offense" to "be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00 for each offense".

Motion carried by a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 22: On a motion by Chairman Phillips, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to pass over this article.

Article 23: On a motion by Chairman Phillips, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to engage the services of a Certified Public Accountant, qualified in municipal accounting, to evaluate the possible benefits of all potential options available to the town relative to our Water Department. These recommendations are to be made in order of preference, in writing, to the Board of Selectmen, so the Board may make a report and advise a prudent course of action to the Annual Town Meeting of April, 1991.

A motion was made to move the question which passed on a voice vote.

Then an amendment to the motion was made, duly seconded, that the Board of Selectman and the Water Study Committee meet and discuss this issue. The motion carried on a voice vote.

On a motion by Chairman Eugene Phillips, duly seconded, it was unanimously voted that the Town Meeting warrant be resolved at 1:03 P.M.

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Jaime Wagman

Eugene Phillips
CHAIRMAN

Walter Swift

The Board of Selectmen held twenty two (22) regular meetings and seven (7) special meetings during Fiscal Year 1990. The majority of our Special Meetings involved collective bargaining with our Fire and Police Unions and budget deliberations for Fiscal Year 1991. Additionally, we met jointly with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to perform an evaluation of our Town Administrator.

The Board made their annual appointments, processed yearly licenses and permits, and conducted public hearings when appropriate.

During our regular meetings the Board acted on the following:

*Appointed our first representative to the newly formed Mill River Advisory Group, James Lauzon, and continued to monitor the activities associated with protecting this natural resource.

*Appointed a committee to look into the indiscriminate placing of newspaper vending machines on town owned property.

*With the cooperation of our Commission for the Handicapped we reviewed the ramp designs to make our Town Hall accessible to senior citizens and the handicapped, awarded a design contract for architectural services to Trimble, Nichols and Steel of Cambridge and went out to bid. We awarded the construction contract in June to Barbato Construction of Easton and are optimistic that this new entrance way will be in service by late Fall of this year.

*Began to explore the collective purchasing of medical insurance through a collaborative effort which could reduce our administrative costs considerably. We supported legislation which would require insurance companies to negotiate with regional group organizations.

*Approved the installation of four way "Stop" signs in the area around the park and pond to increase public safety for pedestrians and motor vehicles in this heavily traveled area.

*Conducted joint meetings with the School Committee, Library Trustees and Board of Health to elect members to fill unexpired terms on these town boards.

*Authorized the installation of street lights on Hopedale Street, opposite the former Draper building, to provide illumination as the building lights were discontinued.

*Supported and joined in the lawsuit brought against the Governor by the Town of Brookline to restore illegally impounded Chapter 70 funds. This resulted in Hopedale obtaining \$144,000.00 in funds that had been withheld by the Commonwealth.

*Authorized Town Counsel to proceed against Cumberland Farms for alleged zoning violations regarding their building.

*Received a petition for the Town to pay one half of the cost for insurance for retired employees. This question was approved by the voters at a special election in January.

*Negotiated and signed three year professional contracts with Police Chief Edward Allard, Fire Chief David Durgin and Police Lieutenant Eugene Costanza.

*Called a Special Town Meeting for December 5, 1989, to hear and act upon the report of the Water Study Committee. This meeting authorized the Board to continue negotiations for the sale or lease of this department. We presented a request to the June Town Meeting to fund a financial study and the meeting denied this request. We are currently awaiting a response from the Inspector General relative to the proper disposition process.

*Increased the fees for Fire Alarm Master Boxes from \$200.00 to \$400.00.

*Met with Senator John Houston regarding the state fiscal crisis and the impact of this on the Town of Hopedale.

*Worked with the newly formed Recycling Committee to obtain a site for their collection center. We extend our sincere appreciation to the committee for their dedicated efforts.

*Continued our maintenance program for the Town Hall by painting the lower level, Patrick Room, Board of Health Room and Auditorium. We replaced all lighting tubes in the Auditorium, which had not been done in over fifteen (15) years. The windows in the Town Clerk's office, Assessor's Office and the Draper Room were repaired. We also installed a central automatic thermostat for the building with control valves for each radiator and an outside temperature thermometer for the main boiler.

*The final reimbursements for the Freedom Street Bridge were received.

*Audits for fiscal year 1988 and 1989 were completed.

In September we had to convene a Special Town Meeting to reduce our operating budgets due to a reduction in state aid by the legislature and the Governor.

In March we received a request from the School Committee to conduct a Special Town Election to override Proposition 2½ and increase the revenue available to the School Committee. This Board voted by a majority vote to call a Special Election. This election was held on Tuesday, June 19, 1990 with the voters rejecting the override request. This points out clearly that in order for the town to maintain services with reduced local aid and no new growth some very difficult decisions will have to be made in the coming fiscal years. We urge our citizens to become involved in local government and to be informed so you will be able to decide on your towns future services.

In October Selectman John Bacon submitted his resignation as a member of the Board. The Board of Selectmen received a petition to call a Special Town Election which was held in January and Eugene N. Phillips was elected to serve this term.

Chairman Robert Barrows announced that after twelve years of serving on the Board of Selectmen he would not be seeking re-election and Walter Swift was elected to the Board in March for a three year term. We want to extend our best wishes and sincere appreciation to Bob for the countless hours he has provided to the town in many capacities and we wish he and his family well in the years ahead.

In September we were saddened by the passing of our former Tax Collector, A. Harold Soderberg. Harold had served our community for twenty five years as Tax Collector and the past several years had picked up the Town Hall mail at the Post Office daily. He is missed and fondly remembered.

In June Bob Lamora retired from our Fire Department after twenty five years of faithful service. We extend to him our best wishes for a happy retirement.

In February and again in May the Board received petitions to repeal the Town By-Law which authorizes this Board and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to hire the services of a Town Administrator and allocate the salary between both boards. We supported the retention of this position in April and in June, although votes taken in September by both Boards were not supportive of the contract held by our current Town Administrator. The Town Meeting in June will long be remembered as well as the tie vote to rescind the by-law. As this was a tie vote, the motion to abolish was defeated.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Hopedale Foundation for their gift of \$10,000.00 so we may proceed with the installation of an access ramp for the Town Hall. The Town had appropriated \$25,000.00 for this project last year and our lowest qualified bidders price is \$36,000.00.

During the past three years Perry MacNevin, Robert "Zeke" Hammond and John Butcher have been devoting endless hours working at our South Hopedale Cemetery. This work involved verifying old records, plotting additional lots, enumerating all of the cemetery lots and updating our cemetery map. Thanks to the efforts of these dedicated residents we now have the ability to provide cemetery lots to interested parties at a reasonable cost.

Lastly, as always, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our town employees and officials who, through their dedication to public service, make it possible for us to continue to serve you.

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**Mary L. Draper
Town Clerk**

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
1988	86	23	54
1989	92	24	53

January 1, 1990 Town Census is: 5,511

Registered voters: Republican 351: Democrats 762: Independents 2,105
for a total of 3,218

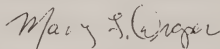
Dog Licenses issued:345

Persons may register to vote any working day, except when registration is closed by law.

Services are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Town Clerks Office located in the Town Hall. In case of special need, the Town Clerk will schedule a special appointment on Saturday or in the evening. Telephone 478-2140.

My thanks to the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Clerk
Cathy Friend MacDougall.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L. Draper
Town Clerk



OFFICE OF
BOARD OF HEALTH

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990

The Board of Health met regularly on the first Wednesday of each month.

The membership of the Board of Health changed this year with the election of William Krauss, resignation of member Michael Cyr and the appointment of Jay Pannichelli to the Board. Walter Swift was nominated and appointed Clerk, Jay Pannichelli was nominated and appointed Chairman.

An ever increasing amount of the Board's time has been spent working on the possible contamination of the Mill River from the former Draper complex and landfill. Beginning with the initial report from the D.E.Q.E. and the subsequent testing of fish tissue by the Board of Health, thus prompting the State to become increasingly more involved in this area of concern. The Board is currently awaiting results from the State on their further testing of fish in this area. The Draper landfill has been declared a location to be investigated by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Under the direction of the Board of Health, a Recycling Committee was formed. In March a town wide Recycling program was instituted for the collection of glass, newspapers, magazines and office paper. It runs every Saturday morning for 3 1/2 hours and is staffed by volunteers. The Board is currently negotiating a contract for metal and plastic recycling.

The status of the former Town landfill on Route 140, Hopedale is still being decided through litigation between the current owner, M.J. Murphy and the State Department of Environmental Protection.

The condition of the former Draper complex has warranted much concern from the Board. In May members of the Board of Health toured the area with the owner, who gave an outline of his plans to proceed with the reclamation of the complex. The clearing of the general outside area of the building had been an initial part of his outline.

The annual mosquito control program conducted by the Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project began in the Spring and spraying will continue on a weekly basis.

In May the Board awarded its annual rubbish removal contract to C & B Trucking of Medway.

This Spring the annual rabies clinic was held at the Highway Department garage with Dr. Richard Heller of the Milford Animal Hospital supervising.

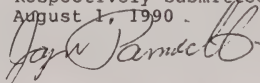
The testing of water at the Hopedale Pond continues in order to monitor bacteria levels.

Officers for the Board of Health are as follows:

Dr. A.W. Farrell , Health Officer;
George Mongiat, Burial Agent;
Rolland Morin, Health Agent;
William Krauss, Milk Inspector

We would like to express our thanks to the Recycling committee, other Town officials, departments and employees of the Town of Hopedale for their effort, support and cooperation for the past year.

Respectively submitted,
August 1, 1990


Jay N. Pannichelli
Chairman

The Bancroft Memorial Library
Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989-1990

Statistics:

DAYS OPEN 276
HOURS OF OPERATION 32 hours/wk Sept.-June
24 hours/wk July and Aug.

<u>REGISTRATIONS</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>JUVENILE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
New borrowers: Hopedale	137	94	231
Out of Town	23	6	29
Library visitors	7,514	7,407	14,921
Reference questions answered	1,213	570	1,783

ACQUISITIONS

Total volumes July 1989	25,950	4,744	30,694
Volumes added	864	480	1,344
Volumes withdrawn	4,137	176	4,313
Total volumes June 1990	22,677	5,048	27,725
Total non-print material	518	257	775
Newspapers received	4	0	4
Periodicals received	64	7	71

CIRCULATION

Fiction	9,132	13,440	22,572
Non-fiction	4,185	4,619	8,804
Non-print material	16,077	19,668	35,745

Report:

Fiscal year 1989-1990 saw changes in both library staff and trustees. Ann A. Robinson resigned her position as Library Director in July after eighteen months of excellent service. Elaine Malloy was appointed as director in September. Gail Mikolaycik resigned her position as trustee after three years of dedicated service to the Bancroft Memorial Library and Hopedale community. Kate Anderson, in filling the unexpired term of Sue-Ellen Delans, declined to run for another term as trustee. In April, Mr. James Kenney and Mr. David Williams were appointed by the selectmen. In May, Mr. Williams was voted Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The library underwent much-needed renovation this past year. The Program Room was painted, bookcases added, and carpeting installed, thus providing meeting space for interested groups. The upstairs was repainted, and new carpeting was installed.

In January, the library began a new lending policy. Books are now loaned for a three-week rather than a two-week period with no more automatic renewals. A patron may, however, renew if he/she so requests. Books received on an interlibrary loan or those with a waiting list may not be renewed. This new policy provides a far more accurate record of daily loans.

The Friends of the Library donated many useful items this year- a new sign, listing hours of operation; a new bookcase; an oak table; a dictionary stand; and brass name plates for the portraits. A magazine rack, paperback book rack, an A-V cart, a film machine table, and librarian's chair were bought for the Children's Room. Finally, new draperies were purchased for the Trustees' Room and director's office. The Friends held a successful Book and Bake Sale in September. They also sponsored three programs this past year- Garden Bulbs by Walter Swift, Investments by Edward Overs, and Boston by Foot, a slide presentation. All three were well attended. During National Library Week in April, the Friends held a drawing and awarded books to two patrons.

The Book Review and Discussion Group continues to be a popular adult program. It meets monthly with eight to twelve members at each meeting.

Mrs. Marjorie Hattersley, Children's Librarian, conducted a successful summer reading program. "Pack-a-Book" was available to children through Grade Six. Thirty-two registered and read 606 books. In the "Read-to-Me" program, eighteen registered and read 427 books. At its conclusion, Mrs. Hattersley hosted a party for participants.

Story hours were expanded this year. Under the direction of Debbie Dalton, successful six-week sessions were held for each season of the year. During the spring, Toddler Time, a story hour for children ages 2½ to 3, was introduced. Saturday programs led by Ms. Dalton included two Christmas storytimes, a Valentine hour, an Easter story hour, and a Mother's Day program. All of the above were pre-registered and limited to fifteen children. Mrs. Hattersley also conducted a six-week Saturday program that ran from October to December.

"Jammie Time", a Wednesday evening drop-in story hour, was begun on March 14 and ran until May 2. Each had an attendance of 15 to 18 children. Mrs. Nancy Verdolino graciously offered her services for this.

Children's Book Week in November was observed. Mrs. Luce's Campfire group presented "Litt Mitts" to the Children's Room.

Two groups visited the library during the spring. Sixteen Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Paula Malloy and Mrs. Susan McCallum, had a tour and attended a seminar on handicapped children, given by the director. Mrs. Hanam's first grade also visited the Children's Room, and the tour was conducted by Mrs. Hattersley.

Mrs. Elaine Malloy attended several workshops- "Materials Selection and Policy", "Reference Series", and "How to Do a Newsletter". She also read to Mrs. Creighton's third grade as part of a community volunteer project.

Our sincere appreciation to the volunteers who offered time, talents, and materials to the library. The Friends of the Library remain an extremely valuable asset, planning to purchase additional needed items. The Friends and the Hopedale Foundation continue to supply passes for Boston museums.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Malloy
Elaine Malloy,
Library Director



Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

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REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990

During this fiscal year we conducted eleven regular meetings and one joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conducting a job performance evaluation on our Town Administrator.

With the stabilized growth pattern in town we saw only a moderate increase in the number of customers served; with our water customers increasing from 1,840 to 1,864 and our sewer customers increasing from 1,769 to 1,786. This lack of growth coupled with a very wet summer resulted in a decrease in our water and sewer revenues for Fiscal 1990.

The Board reviewed the following plans and accepted various streets:

1. Charles River Estates off Howard Street; approved for water only.
2. Hamlet at Hopedale; we have not received a request for water and have denied a sewer connection request asking that this project be connected to the Milford Waste Water Treatment Plant.
3. Charles River View Estates on Charlesgate Road; approved for water only.
4. Boyd Road; approved for water and sewer.
5. Approved two water main extensions in Hopedale in the Hopedale Industrial Park North.
6. Accepted Westcott and Tillotson Road.
7. Accepted Park Street Extension.

We concluded our sewer connections to all homes that about our sewer system.

We commenced a comprehensive infiltration study of our sewer system to determine the integrity of the old portion of our collection system and the newer construction. This report will allow us to plan for the future.

We hope to be in a position during the upcoming year to repaint our Williams Street water tank. This project has been currently postponed due to insufficient funding within our Water Department budget.

A great deal of time has been spent reviewing the limited options available to us relative to the permanent disposal of our sludge from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Hopefully the coming year will begin to show some results from our preliminary work in this area.

Our Greene Street well field has been working very satisfactorily and we are obtaining between 85,000 to 100,000 gallons of water per day. We have posted and secured this area with fencing and expect to continue to receive a reliable supplemental source of water from this location.

The State mandated cross connection program has been implemented and and our Water Department Foreman, Leo Barrett, is one of the few operators certified by the state to oversee and perform this work. Our congratulations goes out to Leo and also to Eli Potty, who has received his Grade 2 Certification this year.

We completed the change over from #2 fuel oil to propane at our Mill Street well field as a safety and environmental protection requirement.

During September, October and March there were discussions relative to the Administrator's position and the duties of that position within these departments. At present we are continuing on as we have in the past based on the vote of our Special Town Meeting on June 26, 1990.

We adopted new job descriptions for our Water and Sewer Department employees to reflect their duties and responsibilities accurately.

We have also studied the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing soda ash verses potassium hydroxide as a means of corrosion control. This study is ongoing and we are receiving input from our consulting engineers and the Department of Environmental Protection.

The new State Water Regulations under the Safe Water Drinking Act requires that we conduct a volatile organic compound analytical results test on our water supply. We were pleased that our system met all of the limits within this act and passed the water quality tests most successfully.

Our meter maintenance program continued this year with more meters converted than ever before. With the cooperation of our Water Department employees we were able to exchange 224 meters this year and we commend our staff for exceeding our expectations.

Basic maintenance of the Water and Sewer systems was ongoing throughout this year with hydrant flushing, repair work as required, including a major repair of the sewer line on Greene Street.

We saw a change in our Board as the voters elected Mark Ansart as our newest member. We welcome Mark in this venture. We wish to express our appreciation to Ben Phillips for his eighteen years of dedicated service to these departments and wish him well in the years ahead. His contribution to the design and construction phase of our new Waste Water Treatment Plant and associated collection system in 1984 will always remain a working monument to his efforts on behalf of our community.

As this past year concluded we were saddened by the loss our Water Department employee, Edward Graveson, who gave over thirty-two years to our department and also George Allen, our former Superintendent, who retired several years prior after twenty-seven years of service to the Town.

We extend our special thanks to all of our employees for their continued devotion to their respective departments and to our office staff for their ongoing cooperation and assistance which allows the Board to function on behalf of our residents and customers.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

HOPEDALE, MA 01747
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REPORT OF THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 1989

The Annual meeting of the Authority was held on March 9, 1989. The following were elected or appointed to office:

Margaret Bishop	Chairperson	1993
Edward Malloy	Vice-Chairman	1994
Robert Pugh	Treasurer	1992
Alice Phillips	Ass't. Treasurer	1994
Paul Bresciani	Ass't. Secretary	1991
Barbara Stevens	Executive Director & Secretary	
David T. Pagnini	Legal Counsel	

The Housing for Elderly, Project 667-C, known as Griffin-Dennett Apartments, consists of 80 apartments and is managed according to regulations set forth by the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

The Authority meets on the second Thursday of each month and the Annual meeting is held on the second Thursday in March. The Authority held twelve regular meetings during the year 1989.

Progress on the proposed tie-in of the sewer pumping system into the town system was delayed for the entire year due to negotiating three easements from abutters. All easements are approved at this time and the bidding process will begin in March of 1990.

All exterior fire alarm bells and manual pull stations were replaced in Griffin Apartments with new equipment. All kitchen faucets in the Dennett Apartments were replaced with single handle units for ease of operation.

The Annual cookout was held for the residents in August and was well attended.

Income and asset limits remain the same for admission as set by the Executive Office of Communities and Development. Due to a lack of minority applicants the quota required has not been met. Local residents are granted preference for housing but upon refusal lose all priority and preference according to regulations. The current waiting list is smaller in comparison to previous years.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Bishop, Chairperson

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ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 1990

Fiscal year 1990 was a year in which there was a frequent need for the services of Town Counsel. The volume of work was matched by its variety.

At the start of the fiscal year there was a pending law suit against the town in the Worcester Superior Court. This suit, which alleges the improper issuance of a special permit, seeks to have the Court order the town to prohibit the use of Tandem Way for commercial purposes. This matter shows no sign of ending in the near future.

A new lawsuit was filed several months ago in the Middlesex Superior Court by an engineering firm seeking damages for services which it alleges were rendered to the town at the request of the Planning Board. The plaintiffs motion for summary judgment is pending in the Superior Court at this time.

Of the matters in the Milford District Court during fiscal 1990, the most prominent was a civil case alleging that Police Chief Allard wrongfully revoked the plaintiff's license to carry a firearm. After a full trial, the Court ruled in favor of the Chief.

Other matters in the District Court included an old civil case which will hopefully be dismissed in the near future, and two zoning enforcement actions, one of which was resolved and the other one of which is still pending.

In addition to the foregoing, there remains open a Land Court case brought against the town by Mendon, and which awaits a determination by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as to the location of the town line.

During fiscal 1990 I dealt with, to varying degrees, over thirty Appellate Tax Board cases. While many of these cases have been resolved, a number others are scheduled for trial in the fall.

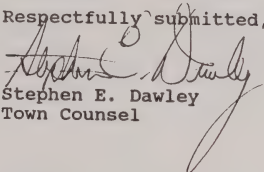
The single most time consuming matter during the past year was my involvement with the proposed Hamlet at Hopedale development. In addition to writing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, I have represented the town before the Housing Appeals Committee in Boston as the developer's appeal has gotten underway.

I have also during the past year rendered a number of legal opinions, drafted and reviewed contracts, reviewed other legal

documents, attended a variety of meetings, and performed miscellaneous other services.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for re-appointing me as Town counsel and I look forward to providing continuous service to the town. I would also like to thank the town employees who have been so helpful and friendly, particularly the general office staff and John A. Hayes, the town administrator.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen E. Dawley
Town Counsel



POLICE DEPARTMENT

40 DUTCHER STREET, P.O. BOX 101
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747-1241
TELEPHONE 508-473-8444
FAX 508-478-3197

CHIEF OF POLICE
EDWARD P. ALLARD

ANNUAL REPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department is pleased to report, for the second year in a row, a slight decrease in reported motor vehicle accidents. We had a 23% reduction in property damage accidents and a 33% reduction in personal injury accidents. With the knowledge that motor vehicle accidents remain the number one cause of death for our children through out the country, it is always a pleasure to see those numbers going DOWN! Unlike the diseases that have no cure, the number one killer can be stopped by simply obeying the motor vehicle codes. Add to that the benefit of saved costs in property and time, it makes it quite obvious that the community is heading in the right direction. Accept our special thanks for making our community a safer place.

Criminal activity remained approximately the same as last year, with some slight decreases in certain areas. We continue to maintain a very high clearance rate of reported crimes. I want to thank our investigators for a job well done.

The Departments Explore Post won two awards from the Algonquin Council, one for "Outstanding Post" and one for the Exploring Growth Award (300%). A special thanks to Patrolman Rosemary Naughton, Post Leader, for her dedication to the cadets, without her hard work it would not have happened.

We continue to face some serious space need problems that need to be immediately addressed. Our facility is far too small to meet our needs and is literally falling in on us. Communications continue to be a severe safety issue as officers still rely on individuals to awaken from a sound sleep to answer a call of need. We have no Town lock up / holding facility as required by law, creating a serious problem when the lodging of a prisoner is mandated. In moving into fiscal 91 we will face a serious budget decrease which will greatly affect our ability to provide service to the specialty areas such as, school crossings, narcotics enforcement, selective enforcement and training. These problems have to be addressed if we are to continue to provide Hopedale with an effective Law Enforcement Agency. I believe a possible answer to some of the problems facing us as well as the neighboring communities would be to establish a regional Police Force. I do not believe the communities can continue to operate "on their own" any longer.

Once again I would like to thank the residents, Board of Selectmen and all other Town Boards and Departments for their assistance and support this past year. And as always, a special thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department, without whom, nothing could be done!

Respectfully submitted;

E.P. Allard

Edward P. Allard
Chief of Police

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

Total Number of Accidents	133
Total Number of Accidents: No Injuries	98
Total Number of Accidents With Injuries	34
Total Number of Accidents Fatalities	2
Hazardous Motor Vehicle Arrests (Not O.U.I.)	135
Operating Under The Influence Arrests	91
Total Number of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	5,028
Total Number of Civil Citations Issued	2,472
Total Number of Complaint Citations Issued	145
Total Number of Warning Citations Issued	2,011
Total Number of Parking Citations Issued	500
Total Number of Abandoned Vehicles	12
Total Number of Towed Vehicles	228
Total Number of Stolen Vehicles	19

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total Number of Investigations	1,936
Total Number of Arrests Felony/Adult	44
Total Number of Arrests Felony/Juvenile	15
Total Number of Arrests Misdemeanor/Adult	332
Total Number of Arrests Misdemeanor/Juvenile	79
Total Number of Arrest Warrants Served	96
Total Number of Property Checks Made	1,629
Total Number of Field Interviews/Adult	764
Total Number of Field Interviews/Juvenile	156
Total Number of Recovered Vehicles	4
Total Number of Recovered Bicycles	8

Total Number of Stolen Bicycles	12
Total Number of Summons/209A Served	130
Total Number of Drug Related Arrests	42
Total Number of Individuals Held in Protective Custody	39

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL

Total Number of Patrol Hours	5,852
Total Number of Selective Enforcement Hours	2,459
Total Number of Outside Agency Assists	600
Total Number of Training Hours	1,420
Total Number of Public Talks	126
Total Number of Court Appearances (Criminal)	476
Total Number of Court Appearances (Civil)	205
Total Number of Administrative Investigations	744

HOPEDALE FIRE DEPT.



**HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747
(508) 473-8444**

David M. Durgin, Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Hopedale;
I herewith submit the report of the Hopedale Fire Department for July 1, 1989
to June 30, 1990.

FY'90 brought about the first signs of call volume and inspectional service stabilization since the Towns building boom started in the 1980's. This reduction can be directly attributed to a 30% reduction in structure fires and a 60% reduction in motor vehicle fires as compared to FY'89. Hopefully through continued fire inspections, school fire education programs, smoke detectors, fire alarm system installations, and community awareness this trend can continue.

As reported in previous years a severe problem continues to exist in providing adequate manpower during the daytime hours for firefighting and covering Public Safety dispatching. The only solution to correct the manpower deficiencies and ensure uninterrupted dispatching is to hire additional full-time firefighters and civilian dispatchers. In light of the Towns and States financial condition it is all too apparent that this situation will go uncorrected.

A problem also exists with apparatus purchase replacement. Engine 1 a 1960 thirty year old pumper should have been replaced this year as well as the 1985 fire chiefs car with over 107,000 miles. Each year purchases are put off prices continue to rise and construction safety requirements for apparatus increase raising costs. In the next twelve years the Town will be faced with replacing two pumpers, aerial ladder, rescue truck, and chiefs car. These purchases can not be delayed and a plan must be developed to secure funding and timely replacement to maintain fire protection and and reasonable insurance rates.

A major issue of structural integrity of the Public Safety Building must be addressed this year as it has become a safety consideration. This project must be a priority as the floor shows continuing settlement.

June of this year saw Firefighter/Dispatcher Robert K. Lamora retire after 25 years of full-time service to the Town of Hopedale and it's fire department. On behalf of the fire department and it's members we wish Bob and his wife a happy retirement and acknowledge his 25 years of dedication to department and Town.

In June of 1989 the Board of Road Commissioners transfered to the fire department a 1981 four wheel drive Chevrolet pickup truck. Body work was done by the highway department and some mechanical repairs. The vehicle was painted at no cost by a local business and other businesses donated work at a reduced cost. The vehicle was outfitted with a 250 gallon plastic water tank and portable from the former tank truck. This vehicle will be used for off road brush and forest fires and will fill the void created by the loss of the all wheel drive tank truck for off road fires.

The personnel of the fire department for this period was comprised of the following:

- 1 - Full-time fire chief
- 4 - Full-time firefighter/dispatchers
- 20 - Call firefighter/operators

ALARM AND INSPECTIONAL RESPONSES

Structure fires	- 25
Motor vehicle fires	- 5
Motor vehicle accidents-medical assistance	- 29
Motor vehicle accidents-with entrapment	- 1
Medical assistance	- 116
Mutual aid given	- 3
Mutual aid received	- 1
Investigations with apparatus	- 32
Faulty and false alarms	- 66
Lock out/in	- 28
Assistance to other Town departments	- 27
Brush/grass/forest fires	- 7
Outside fires	- 6
Gasoline spills	- 3
Hazardous material incidents	- 7
Inspections/investigations by chief	- 403
Permits issued	- 490
Violations/warnings issued	- 36
Fire alarm service calls	- 85
Total responses and services for FY'90	= 1,370

Estimated dollar loss by fire for FY'90 \$24,400.00

Fire related deaths - 0

Fire related injuries to civilians - 2

Fire related injuries to firefighters - 1

APPARATUS

ENGINE 1: International 750 GPM pumper; Purchased 1961; Fair condition, please replace (30 years old)

ENGINE 2: Maxim 1,000 GPM pumper, Purchased 1968; Good condition

ENGINE 4: Maxim 1,000 GPM pumper; Purchased 1987; Excellent condition

LADDER 1: Maxim 85 foot aerial ladder; Purchased 1973; Good condition

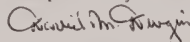
RESCUE 1: GMC 25 Sierra pickup 2wd w/utility body; Purchased 1979; Should replace

FORESTRY 5: Chevrolet K-20 4wd with 250 gallon slip on tank unit, 1981 used, Fair condition

CAR 1: 1985 Ford LTD; Used police cruiser, 107,000 miles, Poor condition, Please replace

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Road Commissioners, Finance Committee, and all other Town departments who assisted us throughout the year as well as the permanent and call firefighters who continue to serve the Town of Hopedale.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Durgin,
Fire Chief



"The Dale 1700: Hopedale 1841; A Town 1886"

Commission for The Handicapped

Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

COMMISSION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Annual Report

September 1, 1989-July 31, 1990

Membership

Mary Challela, Chairperson; Charles Challela, Helen Cormier, Peter Ellis, John Geary, Leo Lovely

Resignation: Robert Metcalf

Reappointments: Mary Challela, Robert Lovely.

The commission met monthly from September to June in the High School. One additional meeting was held with the Finance Committee. In November the Commission was notified that the State

Office of Handicapped Affairs has changed its name to the Commission on Disability.

The major work of the Commission continues to be the construction of the ramp issues. A meeting was held with the architects to discuss the final design and the concerns of the Historical Commission. The budget for the ramp will exceed the appropriation of \$26,500 to \$30,000. A letter was sent to the Hopedal Foundation requesting financial assistance. We have been advised that bids have gone out.

The Commission participated in the Day in the Park Program in September via a raffle and other prizes donated by merchants in Milford and Hopedale. The Chairperson attended the regional meeting of the Municipal Commissions of the MetroWest/Blackstone Region in Milford Town Hall.

The Commission is in need of another member who can participate actively in its activities.

Report compiled by
Mary S. Challela, Chairperson
Commission for the Handicapped



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

WIRING INSPECTOR

Report of Electric Inspections from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990:

80 Permits issued
134 Inspections made
Total monies collected...\$3,211.00

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Shimkus,
Wiring Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Report of Plumbing Inspections from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990:

53 Permits issued
\$2,278 Plumbing fees collected
\$ 939 Gas fees collected

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Rossetti,
Plumbing Inspector

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board held twenty-four meetings for the year 1990.

On May 9, 1990 a meeting was held for the purpose of reorganization. Mr. Paul L. Bresciani was re-elected Chairman of the Board.

Eleven meetings were held for the purpose of certifying signatures for nomination papers and petitions.

Four meetings were for updating registration cards and changing system from alphabetical to streets and numbers, which is still ongoing.

Six meetings were to register voters for Special Town Election and Annual Town Election.

The registrars were also present at the recount on Water and Sewer Commissioners position.

We also attended several Town Meetings to check voters.

Number of registered voters is 3,218.

The breakdown is as follows:

351 - Republicans

762 - Democrats

2,105 - Independents

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Bresciani, Chairman

Robert A. Hammond

Mary L. Draper, Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your Department of Veterans' Services has been providing services and benefits to veterans and to their dependents since 1861.

From the date of that commitment by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that insured that no individual who served his or her state and nation with honor during periods of war or other conflicts would not be "pauperized" or forced to turn to public welfare for assistance. The Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate have shown their continued concern for the welfare of the veteran and his or her dependents with the fullest support of one of the most comprehensive programs for veterans in the country, the Office of Commissioner of Veterans' Services and the local Department of Veterans' Services.

From the start in 1861, to the date in 1888, when the Soldiers Relief Law was enacted, which gave cities and towns the right to support honorably discharged veterans, their spouses, widows and minor childred, to that date in 1945, when the Office of Commissioner of Veterans' Services was created and to the date in 1946 when Chapter 115, as amended (Veterans' Services) of Massachusetts General Laws was reorganized to form the basis of today's benefits and services program, the veterans within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have not been forgotten.

With Chapter 559, Acts of 1946, mandating "municipal and district Departments of Veterans' Services", Veterans' Agents and Directors of Veterans' Services have become the first individuals that an ill, disabled, indigent, unemployed, or injured veteran has turned to for assistance.

Your local Veterans' Agent is committed to assist our needy veterans and their dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance for our veterans was first created in the Commonwealth. From an early start, many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate, your Veterans' Agent is meeting the needs of our former service personnel.

Your Veterans' Agent administers to many and varied entitlement programs and it is for this reason that your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a ONE-STOP CENTER. In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115, Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Agent counsels, files claims, explores every avenue of resources and revenue available. The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of their own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, with all being done in a manner that treats the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents is a record of which we are proud.

Among the many and varied duties of your Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services are as follows:

BURIAL AGENT-under regulations established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, the Veterans' Agent shall cause properly to be interred the body of a veteran or adult dependent who dies without sufficient means to defray funeral expenses; and the body of any dependent child of a veteran and his wife, or his widow, be without sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.

CARE OF VETERANS' GRAVES-as Veterans' Graves Officer, your Veterans' Agent shall cause every veteran's grave within the town to be suitably cared for. Such care shall include the clearing of weeds

and other unseemly growth from said graves; the repairing, replacement, and general upkeep of fences around said graves; the raising and repairing of sunken grave stones and markers and other similar services that may be necessary to restore and maintain such graves and their surroundings in an orderly fashion. He shall cause to be placed on such veteran's grave a flag of the United States on every Memorial Day.

PTSD-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder-assisting veterans affected from this disorder.

HOMELESS IDENTIFICATION-assisting the homeless veteran is a major concern today-we are attempting to provide assistance with housing problems as well as providing assistance to prevent evictions, which would result in having additional veterans and their families homeless.

AGENT ORANGE PROGRAM-assisting veterans who may be afflicted with this problem.

FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR PROGRAM-assisting former POW'S in ascertaining that they receive their maximum benefits.

Being a veteran does not make entitlement automatic. The eligibility to receive entitlements from the Department of Veterans' Services and from the Veterans Administration must be determined and shown. The local Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services will assist veterans and their dependents in securing benefits and entitlements that they are entitled too.

Yours Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayers of the Town with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding to the needs of veterans, and for their continued support to insure that the Veterans' Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services is able to continue to meet the needs of our Veterans efficiently and effectively by working closely with the following people and agencies:

Board of Selectmen
Commissioner of Veterans' Services, John Halachis and his staff
Director of Veterans Affairs, Boston Regional Office, Robert Moakley and his staff
Social Security Administration
Senator John Houston
Representative Marie Parente

The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide the service to our Veterans, and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is therefore necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J Mastroianni
Director/Agent

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE COUNCIL ON AGING
HOPE STREET
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

ANNUAL REPORT FY 1989 - 90

The FY 1989 - 90 was successful for the C.O.A. as they provided entertainment and many services to the towns Elderly.

Entertainment included two bowling teams, three concerts by the Hopedale Senior Chorus directed by Lucille Damon, an Italian luncheon at the Medway V.F.W., a Christmas party which included a turkey dinner and music for dancing, and a special coffee hour at the Griffin - Dennett Recreation Hall to inform those residents of the services provided them by the Council. Bridge, Scrabble and other card games are enjoyed daily at the Center located in the Hopedale Community House, and Bingo is played twice weekly, Monday afternoons at the Center and Tuesday evenings at the Recreation Hall.

There was a weekly grocery shopping trip, nine one day trips and one three day trip to New Hampshire.

Services provided were as follows: a Podiatrist once a month; tax preparation help; information concerning Medicare, Medex, BC/BS, and the Homestead Act. Food distribution was held a total of four times; and the VNA checked vital signs and gave flu shots in four visits; and transportation for medical visits was also provided. Five hundred Newsletters were printed, 350 being mailed monthly.

The yearly First Day of School coffee hour, sponsored by the C.O.A., was held August thirtieth.

We also have an active walking group which meets three times a week.

One Consortium was hosted and monthly Council meetings were held at the Center.

There were three guest speakers at the Center this year, a Commonwealth Gas representative came twice, once to speak on heat stress and again to explain hypothermia. One of the speakers was here to demonstrate "Life Line", a way to summon help in an emergency. The final speaker explained Living Wills, Durable Power of Attorney, Guardianship/Conservatorship, Wills, Probate issues and Consumer Protection concerns.

A replacement for the late Al Fettig, Helen Crossman, was welcomed to the Council.

Present members of the C.O.A. are:

Robert Hammond, Chairman
Richard Palmer, Vice-Chairman
Margaret Stanas, Secretary
Earl Simmons, Treasurer
Rev. Robert Cummings
Mary Bibbo
Mildred Carpenter
Frances Rae and
Helen Crossman

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Thompson
Barbara Thompson, Director
Hopedale Senior Center



Town of Hopedale
Town Hall - Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Hopedale Arts Council
SUBJECT: Annual Town Report

Submitted herewith is the FY90 Hopedale Arts Council Report.

The Hopedale Arts Council (HAC) received the sum of \$1,803.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (Arts Lottery) for the 1989 Fall Cycle along with the sum of \$323.00 for the PASS Program. The Council approved four requests for grants. These are as follows:

- 1) Hopedale Arts Council for funds to purchase art display panels.
- 2) PACE - for funds to finance a show called Dance in America.
- 3) A winter and spring concert by the Greater Milford Symphony Orchestra.
- 4) An original musical by Margaret Williams reflecting dance and fashions of the past.

The Hopedale Elementary School received the PASS grant for a Brown Bag Opera - Carmen by Bizet.

The 1990 Spring Cycle funding was \$1,809.00 with PASS funding of \$323.00. A total of nine grant applications were received, six of which were approved and three were rejected since they did not meet MALC Guidelines. Those applications which were approved during this funding cycle were as follows:

- 1) Blackstone Valley Art Association to defray the cost of a demonstration by a well known artist.
- 2) Hopedale High School Activity Council to view a one-hour performance called - "In Search of Poe".
- 3) Hopedale Arts Council for presentation panels for visual art shows; 4) funding of the "Night on the Pond" Dixieland Band Concert, and 5) entertainment costs for the annual Fall Festival - "Day in the Park".
- 6) Greater Milford Symphony Orchestra series of concerts.

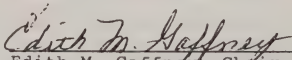
The 1989 Fall Festival - "Day in the Park", held on Sept. 10th, was a tremendous success due to the efforts of council members, volunteers, police, park department personnel, and many others. This was a community effort for the whole community.

There were many displays of fine arts and crafts which were enjoyed by the large number of people who also enjoyed the fine entertainment provided by musical groups and the wandering minstrel guitar player.

The Hopedale Arts Council is grateful to the many Sponsors who made the Juried Art Show a success.

The Council met monthly throughout the year to discuss such matters as reviewing all grant applications and planning for events such as The Day in the Park.

Respectfully submitted,


Edith M. Gaffney, Chairperson
HOPEDALE ARTS COUNCIL



OFFICE OF
BUILDING COMMISSION
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

For Fiscal Year 1990 seventy five permits were issued and the estimated building cost was \$1,669,821.00, as follows:

- 6 single family
- 39 additions
- 7 renovations
- 7 pools
- 10 sheds
- 4 commercial units
- 2 demolitions

Building fees received were \$7,490.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Small, Building Commissioner
Perry MacNevin,

OFFICE OF



TREE WARDEN

P.O. BOX 7
HOPEDALE, MASS.

This year my primary concern was with the removal of dead and rotting trees along with dead wood and hanging branches which were called to my attention by concerned residents.

Other tree work was performed on Lloyd, Mill, Mellen and Hopedale Streets.

Massachusetts Electric Company pruned the trees around their wires on Freedom, Northrop, Mill and Plain Streets.

Seedlings were again bought and given away for Arbor Day.

A sweet gum tree was donated to Memorial School in celebration of Earth Day.

Two (2) Norway Maples were planted on Hopedale Street.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sawyer
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

As Superintendent my assistance was not required this year as the Gypsy Moth population is still low in this area; however, it is serious in towns to the East of Hopedale.

There are five (5) American Elms remaining and they all appear to be healthy. This year six (6) elms that are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease were planted; five (5) on Dutcher Street and one (1) on Hopedale Street.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sawyer
Superintendent

OFFICE OF



TREE WARDEN

P.O. BOX 7
HOPEDALE, MASS.

REPORT OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

The main purpose of this Commission is to assist any Board with forestry related work; however, no assistance was necessary during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sawyer

OFFICE OF
TEL. 508-478-2140



TAX COLLECTOR
P.O. Box 7
HOPDALE, MASS. 01747

Carolyn J. Marcotte, Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

FISCAL 1990

Previous Years Taxes Collected in 1990:

Personal Property Taxes; Fiscal 1988	\$ 569.97	
Fiscal 1989	<u>811.11</u>	\$ 1,381.08

Real Estate Taxes; Fiscal 1984	61.61	
Fiscal 1986	1,232.97	
Fiscal 1987	579.67	
Fiscal 1988	1,520.30	
Fiscal 1989	<u>88,120.96</u>	91,515.51

Motor Vehicle		
Excise Taxes; Fiscal 1985	8.75	
Fiscal 1986	667.96	
Fiscal 1987	507.85	
Fiscal 1988	11,488.70	
Fiscal 1989	<u>89,086.00</u>	<u>101,759.26</u>
		194,655.85

Taxes for Fiscal 1990:

Personal Property Taxes		
Committed as of 10/25/89	\$ 93,736.63	
Collections through 06/30/90		87,455.27

Real Estate Taxes		
Committed as of 10/25/89	4,013,946.39	
Collections through 06/30/90		3,685,036.58

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		
Committed through 06/30/90	248,175.27	
Collections through 06/30/90		<u>228,434.64</u>

Grand Total All Collections		<u>\$4,195,582.34</u>
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OFFICE OF

TEL. 508-478-2140

TOWN TREASURER

P.O. Box 7
HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747

Carolyn J. Marcotte, Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FISCAL 1990

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance 07/01/89	\$ 432,015.61
Withdrawal per Town Meeting	25,000.00
Interest Income	<u>38,244.69</u>
Balance 06/30/90	<u>\$ 445,260.30</u>

TRUST FUNDS

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>INTEREST INCOME</u>
Library	\$ 4,878.42
Park (including Daisy Dutcher Trust)	1,309.16
Town Cemetery	13.31
	<u>\$ 6,200.89</u>

TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS (ALL FUNDS)

<u>BANK NAME</u>	<u>INTEREST INCOME</u>
Home National Bank	\$ 69,343.27
Bank of New England, N.A.	15,630.86
Shawmut Worcester County State Street	6,325.38
Milford Federal Savings & Loan	5,500.26
BayBank Middlesex	14,833.97
Boston Safe Deposit	5,009.74
Lincoln Trust Co.	1,380.07
	<u>28,990.00</u>
	<u>\$ 147,013.55</u>



TOWN TREASURER

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

AS OF JUNE 30, 1990

	Years Remaining	Original Amount	Outstanding 07/01/89	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Outstanding 06/30/90
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION Municipal Bldg. Heat Loan	7	\$ 300,000.	\$ 124,000.	\$ 16,000.	\$ 6,200.	\$ 108,000.
BANK OF NEW ENGLAND School Bus Serial Note Issue	2	59,090.	35,454.	11,818.	2,127.24	23,636.
BAYBANK MIDDLESEX Capital Expenditure Serial Note Issue	3	256,825.	205,460.	51,365.	11,300.30	154,095.
Short Term Borrowing Interest on Temporary Loans					45,936.98	
TOTALS		\$ 615,915.	\$ 364,914.	\$ 79,183.	\$ 65,564.52	\$ 285,731.
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION						
Sewer Bond 92-03	33	\$ 1,000,000.	\$ 850,000.	\$ 25,000.	\$ 42,500.	\$ 825,000.
Sewer Bond 92-05	33	824,900.	701,150.	20,625.	35,057.50	680,525.
TOTALS		\$ 1,824,900.	\$ 1,551,150.	\$ 46,625.	\$ 77,557.50	\$ 1,505,525.



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HOPEDALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary Grady - Chairman	Term Expires March 1991
Richard Martin - Vice-Chairman	Term Expires March 1992
Joseph Antonellis	Term Expires March 1993
Susan Hourihan	Term Expires March 1992
Michael Milanoski	Term Expires March 1991

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached "Report of the Superintendent of Schools" as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH COMMENCEMENT OF HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1990

LIST OF GRADUATES

Paula Jayne Barsanti	Ann Marie Maffia
David John Breen	*Christopher John McCall
Robert David Crandall	*Karen Elizabeth Mears
Erik M. Cushman	*Michael Edwin Miller
Kristin Lynn DaCosta	Amy Marie Monaghan
Thomas Michael Daige	Robert W. Noe
Norman Charles Franks	Renee Angela Parker
Charlene Marie Gaffney	Amy R. Paulk
*Gina Marie Giuliano	Dannielle Denise Perry
*Matthew Michael Hagopian	Jeffrey Robinson
Jacqueline Marie Hilditch	Karen Elizabeth Roche
*Jennifer Ann Jastremski	*Paul William Smith
Robert F. Jones, Jr.	Robertta Ann Snell
*Kevin Charles Kaberry	Jennifer Lynn Speroni
Patricia Ann Keene	*Tracy Jeanette Tamblin
Shannon M. Lemire	*Nina Terenzi
Stephen J. Lombardi	Matthew Donald Travis
Diane Theresa MacWilliam	

*National Honor Society



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HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL YEAR 1989-1990

By any standards of comparison, the 1989-90 school year was both a dramatic and difficult one. At the School Committee level, the return from the winter vacation found the announcement by Chairman Robert M. Goss, Jr. that he was not intending to stand for re-election in March. That announcement was followed shortly thereafter by the resignation of Robert Metcalf in his second year of service. At the annual elections in March, Atty. Joseph Antonellis was elected to succeed the position vacated by Mr. Goss, and in a special election held jointly between the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, Michael Milanoski was named to complete Mr. Metcalf's term.

At the annual reorganization meeting in March, Mrs. Mary Grady was elected as Chairman and Mr. Richard Martin, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

For the conduct of the extraordinary business in 1989-90, the School Committee had ten regular monthly meetings, ten special meetings, and two public hearings plus a countless number of budget workshop sessions among themselves and with members of Hopedale's Finance Committee. The first Tuesday of each month is the regular business meeting for the Committee.

Budget concerns occupied most of the Committee's attention and most of the headlines reporting on Committee activity throughout the year. At the outset of the year, the School Committee wrestled with issues emanating from reductions in the high school faculty in the business education, music and foreign language departments. In September, an additional \$12,000 was cut from the budget as a result of the Governor's withholding of a portion of the state aid.

In December, the cost per pupil information received annually from the Department of Education was reviewed by Committee members who were disappointed to learn that the Town of Hopedale's relative position had not improved and the Town was still mired at 262nd in the per-pupil expenditure statewide, with only eighteen K-12 districts in the Commonwealth spending less per pupil than were we. The figures reported were for 1988-89.

On the heels of that announcement came the budget development process for the 1990-91 school year. Amid increasingly gloomy forecasts about the state's financial picture and local revenues, the Committee developed and presented a \$4.2 million dollar budget. In an effort to maintain the level of services an override request for \$305,000 was brought to the Town by the Committee in June failing by a margin of 1,095 to 893. When all was said and done, following the financial Town Meeting, that budget had been pared to a net total of \$681,000 and twenty-one full and part-time positions had been eliminated.

The pupil population, which had remained constant for 1989-90 was projecting an increase of 50 students for the opening of school in September of 1990, as a result of the small graduating class of 34, and a projected kindergarten enrollment of 85. If all eligible students remain, this projects an opening enrollment for the fall of 1990 of 930 students.

Given the fact that the school system, exclusive of Hartford Avenue, has a capacity of approximately 750 students, the Committee attention during the year was also given to a long-term solution without, however, reaching any consensus on an alternative. The School Study Committee, whose report will appear elsewhere, reported at the Town Meeting in March on a consensus of that Committee after a thorough investigation, for maintaining an independent K-12 district, and secondary to that, supported the renovation of existing facilities and the construction of additional secondary school facilities. At the same time, the Regional School Planning Committee made overtures to the adjacent towns of Mendon and Upton, Milford, and Holliston, discussions which, while cordial, were fruitless in forging a definitive satisfactory alternative.

The use of school facilities was enhanced when, in mid-year, the Milford Baptist Church became the third tenant under lease at the Junior-Senior High School, joining Newbury College and Bi-County Collaborative. The revenue from the leases goes directly toward augmenting a seriously deficient facilities maintenance budget and the addition of the most recent tenant provided some specific aesthetic improvement to the student lunch room and faculty lounge.

While the general condition of the buildings' wear and tear and overall deterioration continued as a major concern for the Committee, specific issues with leaking roofs at the Junior-Senior High School and a failed boiler at Memorial School added significantly to those concerns this year. Working jointly with the Finance Committee it was decided that the boiler room issues would be addressed entirely at Memorial and Park Street Schools, which would include the removal of the remaining asbestos in those buildings during the summer shut down and the funds for that project were specifically appropriated at the financial Town Meeting.

Despite all of the attention given to the political and economic circumstance, this year was not without its achievements and successes within the schools. The self-evaluation process was begun at the Junior-Senior High School. This is the first step in the process leading to the reaccreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges which is due in Hopedale in the fall of 1991. The Social Studies department at the High School developed and submitted a proposal to revamp the ninth grade Social Studies into a World History course. Members of the Foreign Language department completely rewrote and updated the Spanish curriculum for grades 3-12, increasing the school's emphasis on spoken language and won approval for a new textbook series for the High School. Following an extended period of research, the Mathematics department made a long awaited recommendation for a modification of the Junior High mathematics program which will result in Algebra being offered to all grade 8 students by the 1991-92 school year. During the summer, High School Principal, Barry Cahill, was selected as one of the participants in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Leadership Academy, and a summer curriculum projects saw the completion of the Parent and Student Athletic Guidebook.

At the elementary level, a joint effort pooled resources together to development and implement the elementary computer curriculum program for the first time. Beginning at ground zero, the combined efforts resulted in the availability of 10 computer work stations for the elementary schools by year's end. A summer curriculum project for the development of a computer resource library completed the most successful first year project. Reading continued as a primary focus of the elementary schools curriculum and was highlighted with broad participation in the summer incentive program, Books & Beyond Program, the Community Reading Day, and at year's end the approval of elementary Reading teacher, Suzan Cullen's participation in a statewide pilot project known as Reading Recovery. The elementary Science Curriculum team, with the assistance of Commonwealth In-Service Grant money made a major revision in the elementary Science curriculum this year. Aided by a Horace Mann Grant, the work resulted in the completion of the curriculum and the development of a Science resource library at Memorial School for the intermediate grades.

System-wide, a major recycling of school office and computer papers was initiated this year and at year's end talks were underway to have the program adopted by the Board of Health for townwide effort. Student participation in the recycling effort was significant particularly through the Peace and Social Action Club at the High School. Other extra curricular activities of note this year included the fielding of three Odyssey of the Mind teams for the regional competitions in Shrewsbury. The Senior High team, in its first year effort, made it all the way to State Finals. In interscholastic athletics, both the Field Hockey and Softball teams were Dual Valley Champions. The softball team extended their thrilling season by winning both the Central and Western Massachusetts Championships before bowing in the State Finals to Bedford.

Parental and community support and assistance continued to grow this year. A new Special Education Parents' Advisory Committee was chartered this year and met monthly. Several parental workshops were sponsored during the spring and the language development program was the primary beneficiary of this fund raising effort. The Boosters Club at the Junior-Senior High School became better organized this year and filled out its membership roles substantially. The magazine drive and road race are its chief fund raising activities. Recognition banquets were added for students participating in the music programs and in the junior varsity athletic programs at school this spring, in addition to the annual Honors and Awards Banquet which the Club sponsors. The elementary parents organization, P.A.C.E., reached new highs in all aspects of its operation this

year. Not only did P.A.C.E. members provide more than 3,300 documented volunteer hours of service to the elementary schools, but also provided equipment and supplies valued at more than \$21,000 to the elementary school program, an enormous contribution by any standard. The level of parental support throughout the system is much appreciated by all of us in the school family and continues to provide programs and opportunities for students that would otherwise not be possible.

Student achievement performance continues to impress also, despite all of the distractions. In the results of the Massachusetts Basic Skills Tests, students at the 3rd grade level had 100% passing rates in reading and mathematics and a 98% passing rate in writing. At the 6th grade level, 100% passing was achieved in writing, with passing rates for reading and mathematics at 93% and 97% respectively. At the 9th grade level, a 100% passing rate was achieved by students in mathematics and writing, and a 90% passing rate in reading. These scores continued to place us consistently above our counterpart schools both geographically and in kind of community comparisons despite the fact that Hopedale has set a rank of 70% as passing as compared to the statewide rank of 65%.

In summary, it was a year of wide swings in every aspect of the school's operation. Given the difficult fiscal projections at both the local and statewide levels, there appears no immediate prospect of substantial change in the near future. Nevertheless, the staff and administration of the Hopedale Schools are pledged to continue to provide the very best of which we are capable for each of the children of Hopedale during the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,



Donald A. Hayes
Superintendent of Schools

OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

July 30, 1990

ANNUAL REPORT - FY 90 - BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FISCAL YEAR 1990 WAS AN EXTREMELY ACTIVE YEAR IN SEVERAL AREAS OF OUR OFFICES' RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUDING REVALUATION, APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASE PREPARATION AND SETTLEMENTS, LEGAL CLARIFICATIONS SOUGHT THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL LAW SPECIALISTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MAPPING PROGRAM RESEARCH AND CORRECTIONS, LEGAL FILE UPDATING AND MAINTENANCE, PRODUCTION OF THE DATA FILE AND CROSS REFERENCES, SOLICITATION OF FORMS OF LIST AND INCOME/EXPENSE DATA FROM BUSINESS PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY OWNERS, AND THE ON GOING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILL MAINTENANCE AND CORRECTIONS FROM THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES COMMITMENT.

REVALUATION OF THE TOWN JANUARY 1, 1990 HAS COME AROUND AGAIN ON THE HEELS OF THE PRIOR PROGRAM JANUARY 1, 1987 WHICH WAS BEGUN AT A TIME WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NEARING COMPLETION AND WAS COMPLETED A YEAR AFTER IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN. THE POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE LAST REVALUATION WAS THAT IT RESULTED IN A FRAMEWORK FOR VALUATION, AN IN HOUSE COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND WITH THAT GREATER CONTROL OVER OUR OWN DESTINY.

THE PRIOR REVALUATION INVOLVED THE USE OF PROPERTY INFORMATION THAT WAS COLLECTED IN 1980-1981, MUCH OF WHICH WAS TO A DEGREE OUTDATED. UPON CERTIFICATION THE DEPT. OF REVENUE RECOMMENDED A CYCLICAL TOWN WIDE VERIFICATION OF OUR DATA BASE. UNFORTUNATELY THE NORMAL THREE YEAR CYCLE WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WHEREAS ONLY A YEAR REMAINED BY THE TIME THE DUST SETTLED FROM THE FY 1988



REVALUATION. DATA COLLECTION IS THE MOST LABOR INTENSIVE ASPECT OF A REVALUATION. ADDITIONALLY, FOR THIS REVALUATION AND FOR SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, STATE LEGISLATION ACCEPTED BY LOCAL OPTION CALLS FOR NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO BE PLACED ON THE TAX ROLLS WITH IT'S STATUS AS OF JUNE 30, THE DAY PRIOR TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BEGINNING. ALTHOUGH THIS INTENSIFIES THE DATA COLLECTION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING THE FINAL VALUES FOR THE TAX YEAR, IT ALSO PROVIDES A MORE SENSIBLE TAX BILL FOR A PROPERTY BEING IMPROVED JUST PRIOR TO THE FISCAL YEAR'S BEGINNING.

FISCAL YEAR 1990 OPENED WITH BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF RECOLLECTING PROPERTY DATA TOWN WIDE AND THE YEAR CLOSED WITH THE PROCESS NEARLY COMPLETE. SALES ANALYSIS OF IMPROVED PARCELS BEGAN WITH A DELINEATION OF SOLD PROPERTIES BY CLASS, STYLE, LOCATION AND AGE. OUR CHARGE IS TO ESTABLISH EQUITABLE VALUATIONS SUCH THAT NO CLASS OR TYPE OF PROPERTY IS BURDENED ANYMORE THAN ANOTHER. THE CONTINUED COOPERATION OF PROPERTY OWNERS IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED AND IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL AND FAIR CASH VALUATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

SOME PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE SOUGHT TAX RELIEF BY FILING ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE MAILING OF THE FIRST ACTUAL TAX BILL IN A FISCAL YEAR. THE BOARD MAKES A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE DATA AND VALUATION APPROACH PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION ON THESE. A FEW HAVE FELT THAT THE SIZE OF AN ABATEMENT OR THE LACK OF ONE WAS STILL UNFAIR, AND THUS HAVE PURSUED RELIEF THROUGH FILING WITH THE STATE APPELLATE TAX BOARD. SEVERAL OF THE A.T.B. CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED DUE TO NEW DATA COMING FORWARD ABOUT THE PHYSICAL OR ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPERTY. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH APPEARS TO BE AFFECTING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IS THE ANNUAL RECURRING VOTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SHIFT A PORTION OF THE TAX BURDEN FROM THE RESIDENTIAL TO THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, IN FY 1990 WITH NEARLY A 50% INCREASE IN THE LATTER AND \$1.18 PER THOUSAND SAVINGS FOR THE FORMER.

THIS YEAR WE WERE INVOLVED IN A DISPUTE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT PROPERTY THAT WAS OWNED BY A TAXABLE ENTITY COULD BE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION IF LEASED BY A TAX EXEMPT ENTITY. SPECIFICALLY THE DISPUTE AROSE CONCERNING A PRIVATELY OWNED BUILDING LEASED TO THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE FOR THE HARTFORD AVENUE SCHOOL. THE LEASE STATES THAT THE OWNER WOULD BE REIMBURSED FOR THE TAX PAYMENTS ON THE PROPERTY BY THE TENANT. HOWEVER, THE TENANT, THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE SCHOOL DEPT. FELT THAT THIS CLAUSE WAS MERELY A FORMALITY AND THAT ULTIMATELY THE PROPERTY WOULD BE DECLARED TAX EXEMPT. A RULING WAS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (LEGAL DIVISION) THAT THE PROPERTY WAS TAXABLE AND THAT THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS HAD NO AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT THE OWNER OF RECORD. PROPERTIES THAT ARE CLASSIFIED EXEMPT ARE THOSE THAT ARE OWNED BY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE BOTH NON-PROFIT AND CHARITABLE.

WE CONTINUED THIS YEAR TO VERIFY THE 1987 MAPPING PROGRAM TO DETERMINE FROM DEEDS, PLANS AND SURVEYS IF PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE CORRECT LAND AREAS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS HAS BEEN THE ON GOING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HISTORICAL FILE TO BOTH VERIFY PROPER OWNERS AS WELL AS PROPER TITLE REFERENCES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE CRITICAL FOR OUR AUTHORITY TO ASSESS AS WELL AS FOR THE COLLECTOR/ TREASURER TO PURSUE COLLECTION OF THE TAX (I.E. DEMAND AND INTEREST CHARGES, TAX TITLE AND FORECLOSURE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES).

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TAXPAYER, TOWN APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WE HAVE PRODUCED PRINTOUTS OF OUR DATAFILE (PROPERTY RECORD CARDS) AND VARIOUS CROSS-REFERENCES. AS WELL WE HAVE PROVIDED PRINTOUTS FOR TOWN OFFICIALS AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF THE CENSUS TO ASSIST THEM IN IDENTIFYING PROPERTIES AND PROPERTY OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROCESS HAS ALLOWED US TO MOVE AWAY FROM MORE ROUTINE CLERICAL-TYPE TASKS INTO MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION AND APPRAISAL.

THIS YEAR, AS WELL, IN PREPARATION FOR THE REVALUATION OF PROPERTY WE HAVE BEGUN THE SOLICITATION OF "FORMS OF LIST" ESSENTIALLY FOR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REQUESTED OF OWNERS AND OR TENANTS OF INCOME PRODUCING PROPERTY. THE RESPONSE TO THE FORMER HAS BEEN IMPROVING. IT'S TOO EARLY TO REPORT ON THE LATTER, BECAUSE NOT

ALL I. & E.'s HAVE BEEN YET SENT FOR RESPONSE, HOWEVER SOME WHICH WE CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT WERE NOT RETURNED. SUCH FAILURE TO RESPOND JEOPARDIZES OUR BEING ABLE TO PLACE A FAIR ASSESSMENT ON THE PROPERTY. AS WELL, THE OWNERS WAIVE THEIR APPEAL RIGHTS BY FAILING TO COOPERATE.

IN CONCLUSION, WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE VARIOUS TOWN OFFICIALS BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED, TOWN EMPLOYEES AND TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR OFFICE AND THE COMMITMENT WE HAVE MADE TO EQUITABLE TAXATION. WE HAVE ACCEPTED OUR CHALLENGE AS THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FINANCIAL OPERATION OF THE TOWN, AND WE STRIVE TO CONTINUE UNDER THE TIGHT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS WE'RE ALL ASKED TO ACCEPT BY OPERATING WITH ONLY 1½ % OF THE TOWN'S LEVY (PRIVATE INDUSTRY GENERALLY ACCEPTS THAT 5% OF THEIR BUDGET SUPPORTS THEIR GROWTH DEPARTMENT) WE HAVE BEGUN THE CHALLENGE OF THE 1990'S REALIZING THAT "THE BUCK STARTS HERE".

AS WELL, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR FULL TIME STAFF FOR THE ASSISTANCE, PATIENCE AND COOPERATION THEY HAVE EXTENDED NOT ONLY TO OUR BOARD BUT MAINLY TO THE TAXPAYERS OF OUR TOWN UNDER SOME VERY TAXING (no pun intended) TIMES OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. WE FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE WHO MAKE WORKING CONDITIONS LESS BURDENSOME AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY MORE RESPONSIVE.

RESPECTFULLY,

CHAIRMAN

Jamie I. Schwingel
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Kevin W. Doyle
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ASSESSOR

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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

OF

FISCAL 1990

HOPEDALE

City or Town

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

A. Total Amount to be Raised (from IIE)	\$ 6,739,304.70
B. Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources (from IIIE)	2,631,622.00
C. Tax Levy (IA minus IB)	\$ 4,107,682.70
D. Distribution of Tax Rates and Levies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classified <input type="checkbox"/> Unclassified	

(a) Class	(b) Levy Percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times Each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by Class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) ÷ (d) × 1000	(f) Levy by Class (d) × (e) ÷ 1000
Residential	76.9964	3,162,767.80	264,001,899	11.98	3,162,742.75
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0 0	0 0	0.00
Commercial	9.7202	399,274.97	20,288,855	19.68	399,284.67
Industrial	11.0015	451,906.71	22,963,346	19.68	451,918.65
SUBTOTAL			307,254,100		4,013,946.07
Personal	2.2819	93,733.21	4,763,040	19.68	93,736.63
TOTAL	100%		\$ 312,017,140		\$ 4,107,682.70

CALENDER AND FISCAL YEAR EXEMPTIONS AND ABATEMENTS ISSUED

COMMITMENT TO TOWN TREASURER

REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES - EXCISE BILLS

<u>CALENDER YEAR 1989 (1/1/89 - 12/30/89)</u>			
1988	Bills	291	\$ 13,570.75
1989	Bills	5,133	331,373.71
1990	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -
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Total	Bills	5,424	\$ 344,944.46

<u>CALENDER YEAR 1990 (1/1/90 - 6/30/90)</u>			
1988	Bills	6	\$ 497.29
1989	Bills	22	2,040.00
1990	Bills	4,318	248,225.26
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Total	Bills	4,346	\$ 250,762.55

<u>FISCAL YEAR 1990 (7/1/89 - 6/30/90)</u>			
1988	Bills	144	\$ 9,573.02
1989	Bills	876	76,071.23
1990	Bills	4,318	248,225.26
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Total	Bills	5,338	\$ 333,869.51

<u>REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATED</u>			
FY 88		\$	56,836.84
FY 89			60,613.53
FY 90			44,483.79
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Total	Bills	76	\$ 161,934.16

<u>MOTOR VEHICLES ABATED (7/1/89 - 6/30/90)</u>			
1988	Bills	15	\$ 840.20
1989	Bills	103	4,983.07
1990	Bills	187	7,889.96
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Total	Bills	305	\$ 13,713.23

<u>EXEMPTIONS - 70yrs.-Vet's-Financial-Blind</u>			
FY 90	100 Applications	\$	34,815.76

FY 1990 NEW GROWTH - ALLOWED TO BE ADDED TO THE TOWN'S LEVY LIMIT \$ 188,934.00



HOPEDALE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS, 01747

MEMBERSHIP

Donald A. Hayes, Chairman
Louis Arcudi
John Farrar
Walter Swift
Jennifer Weaver

ANNUAL REPORT

The composition and membership of the Conservation Commission remained unchanged during the year. Jennifer Weaver and Louis Arcudi were re-appointed to the Commission by Selectmen in May. The Conservation Commission continued to meet on an as-needed basis during 1989-90. The slow down in the area economy resulted in a marked decrease in the number of new applications to come before the Commission this year. However, a notable exception to that were the preliminary discussions held jointly with the Zoning Board of Appeals relative to a substantial town house

development project known as the Hamlet in Hopedale. While the parcel and project never officially came before the Conservation Commission, a significant amount of time and energy was devoted to the preliminary application.

A new initiative, which is part of the Commission's long-range goal, involved the Mill River Watershed Association. This Association was the joint effort of seven communities, all of which border the Mill River in its course from Hopkinton to Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The objective of the Association and of the local Conservation Commission is to chart the course of the river precisely in each community and determine the ownership and current usage of all abutting land and land over the aquifer. Ultimately, it is hoped that any existing open space can be acquired and forever protected because of the importance of its contribution to the drinking water supply of the region.

Work in the Open Space Plan continued this year. The Plan itself was finalized, distributed to community agencies and efforts begun at the initial stages of implementation. Funding limitations pose a significant obstacle to significant implementation, but the Commission has continued to move as opportunities are presented. As the year ended, final approval of the plan by Hopedale's Planning Board is awaited in order that the Plan may be submitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The bulk of the remaining activity of the Commission during the year was concerned with monitoring and enforcement of ongoing projects begun in previous years. The upcoming year envisions the completion of several of those projects, as well as further involvement with the Mill River Watershed and implementation aspects of the Open Space Plan, particularly those that relate to the acquisition and development of additional and improved recreational space for all members of the community.

As the amount of open and available land becomes increasingly limited and the resources become increasingly strained, the focus of Conservation efforts will continue to shift from the explosive development, which has characterized the past decade, to the protection and careful utilization of the valuable, limited wetlands resources. This shift in emphasis is a crucial component of maintaining the quality of life, both for the current residents of our community, as well as future generations.



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

EXEMPT TOWN PROPERTY - ASSESSED VALUES - JUNE 30, 1990

MAP - BLOCK	PARCEL	ADDRESS	Ac.or Sf.	ASSESSMENT
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
11 172	Hpdle. Village Cemetery	2 Fitzgerald Dr.	20.55 Ac	481,400.
11 172-1	" "	2 Fitzgerald Dr. Adj	3.44 Ac	130,500.
22 2	So. Hpdle. Cemetery	60 Plain St.	1.08 Ac	83,700.
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
21 34	Mellen St. Playground	24 Mellen St.	15 Ac.	365,900.
21 33	Playground	252 So. Main St.	14.21 Ac.	346,600.
<u>GOLF COURSE</u>				
18 34	Hopedale Country Club	90 Mill St.	189.20Ac.	3,933,000.
<u>HIGHWAY DEPT.</u>				
11 64-1	Salt Shed-Boiler Rd.	4 Depot St.	31,363	94,400.
11 64	Town Barn	7 Depot St.	20,473	196,300.

EXEMPT TOWN PROPERTY - ASSESSED VALUES - JUNE 30, 1990

MAP-BLOCK	PARCEL	ADDRESS	ACRE or SQ.FT.	ASSESSMENT
<u>PARKS</u>				
10	46	Adin St. Triangle	107 Adin St.	1.08Ac. 125,600.
11	133	Adin Ballou Park	43 Hopedale St.	22,651 72,500.
8	29	Town Park	65 Dutcher St.	6.18Ac 230,000.
<u>PARKLANDS</u>				
8	71	Parklands	162 Dutcher St.	79.68Ac. 5,726,100.
<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
11	84	Gen. Draper High Sch.	25 Adin St.	5.40Ac 3,121,300.
10	1	Memorial School	54 Adin St.	10.26Ac. 1,399,400.
8	32	Park St. School	5 Park St.	1.59Ac. 312,000.
<u>SEWER DEPT.</u>				
5	25	Pump Station	500 Cutler St.	3,514 63,700.
14	127	Pump Station	149 Greene St.	69,696 94,100.
14	146	Waste Water Treatment Plant	154 Mendon St.	16.38Ac. 10,564,400.
<u>WATER DEPT.</u>				
14	140-1	Wellfield	208 Greene St.	14.52Ac. 354,200.
14	140	"	208 Greene St. Adj	16.00Ac. 384,000.
18	39	Pumping Station	90 Mill St.	10.33Ac. 309,400.
10	52	Standpipe	500 Steel Rd.	37,173 119,000.
<u>MISC.</u>				
11	117	Municipal Bldg.	50 Dutcher St.	13,939 \$ 290,600.
13	45	Land	16 Greene St.	13,329 65,700.
8	139	Red Shop	12 Hopedale St.	13,245 98,400.
11	95	Library	50 Hopedale St.	17,424 294,600.
11	95-1	Library	50 Rear Hpdle St.	3,178 3,200.
11	61	Town Hall	74-76-78 Hpdle.St.	13,112 937,000.
<u>REAL ESTATE</u>				
3	2	Mass. Comm./Upton State Forest	502 Carpenter Rd.	2.76Ac 117,600.
3	3	Mass. Comm./Upton State Forest	503 Carpenter Rd	2.03Ac. 102,300.
14	92	Milford Trinity Parish	23 Dana Park	11,250 128,700.
11	113	Community House/Gym	13 Dutcher St.	43,462 350,000.
11	162	Union Evangelical Church	25 Dutcher St.	34,900 716,100.
8	72	Hpdle. Union Evangelist	168 Dutcher St.	32,481 254,500.
11	85	Hpdle. Community House	53 Hope St.	74,052 718,900.
11	69	Hpdle. Unitarian Parish	51 Hopedale St.	58,806 661,000.
11	54	Hpdle. Housing Authority	116 Hopedale St.	137,029 1,249,400.
14	24	Roman Catholic Bishop (C.C.D. BLDG.)	183 Hopedale St.	71,700 397,100.
14	24-1	Roman Catholic Bishop (RECTORY)	187 Hopedale St.	32,670 134,900.
14	24-2	Roman Catholic Bishop (CHURCH)	183 Hopedale St.	89,559 763,000.
24	49	Visiting Nursing Assoc.	391 So. Main St.	16,793 154,000.
25	24	Community Bible Chapel	393 So. Main St.	14,985 106,200.
25	26	So. Hpdle. Union Chapel	405 So. Main St.	5,009 129,700.
16	4	Town of Milford/Waste Wtr. Plant)	501 So. Main St.	26.6Ac. 3,269,000.
10	51	House of Affirmation, Inc.	11 Williams St.	3.88Ac. 568,100.
15	251	Town of Hopedale/Land	236 Mendon St.	14,494 68,700.

TOTAL EXEMPT

\$ 40,086,200.



KATHLEEN A. GARABEDIAN
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HOPEDALE, MASS.

BALANCE SHEET

6/30/90

GENERAL FUND (01)

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	261,382.50
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RECEIVABLES

Personal Property Tax	9,749.74
Real Estate Tax	220,448.61
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	55,258.91
Tax Liens	444,132.06
Departmental (Veterans)	9,159.33
Due from Commonwealth	400,000.00
Total Assets	1,400,131.15

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accrued payroll and withholding	6,030.05
Provision for Abatements and Exemptions	120,822.25
Due to County (Deputy Collector)	11.94
Deferred Revenue	
Property Tax	110,358.00
Tax Liens	444,132.06
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	55,258.91
Departmental	9,159.33
Tax Anticipation Note	600,000.00
Reserve Fund Balances	
Petty Cash	220.00
Prior year deficits	(21,622.90)
Unreserved Fund Balance	75,761.51
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,400,131.15

ASSETS

WATER FUND (20)

Cash and Investments	211,435.74
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RECEIVABLES

Water user charges	32,565.77
Water service	2,107.70
Total Assets	246,109.21

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Deferred Revenue	34,673.47
Fund Balance reserved	211,435.74
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	246,109.21

SEWER FUND (21)

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	357,771.99
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RECEIVABLES

Sewer user charges	25,683.49
Sewer services	90.00
Sewer betterment	1,015.00

Total Assets	384,560.48
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Deferred Revenue	26,788.49
Fund balance reserved	357,771.99

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	384,560.48
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SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING (FUND 22)

ASSETS

Cash- restricted checking	15,517.97
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Total Assets	15,517.97
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Fund balance reserved	15,517.97
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Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	15,517.97
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SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANTS (FUND 24)

ASSETS

Cash- restricted checking	4,915.82
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Total Assets	4,915.82
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Fund balance reserved	
Title I	677.43
Title VI	3,623.52
Title IV- Project See	219.84
Chapter II Block Grant	8.08
P.L. 89-313	386.95

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	4,915.82
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SCHOOL STATE GRANTS (FUND 25)

ASSETS

Cash- restricted checking	2,188.54
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Total Assets	2,188.54
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Fund balance reserved	
Horace Mann Grant	660.00
School Improvement	733.20
Drug Free Program	795.00
Ed. Tech. Comp. Planning	.34

Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	2,188.54
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TOWN STATE GRANTS (FUND 27)

ASSETS

Cash- restricted checking	6,917.73
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Total Assets	6,917.73
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	
Arts Lottery	5,351.97
Right to Know	400.36
Council on Aging	1,165.40
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>6,917.73</u>

REVOLVING FUNDS (28)

ASSETS

Cash- restricted checking	40,431.35
Total Assets	<u>40,431.35</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

School Music Receipts	8,260.53
School Athletic Receipts	9,293.84
School Tuition Receipts	20,905.35
Police Forfeiture Fund	422.48
Tiffany Memorial Fund	40.34
Conservation Commission	1,088.48
School Lost Book Reimbursement	420.33
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>40,431.35</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE (FUND 29)

ASSETS

Cash- restricted checking	85,184.69
Total Assets	<u>85,184.69</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Park Foundation Grant	1,961.80
Hopedale Birthday Committee	1,825.10
Insurance Reimbursement	391.93
Worcester State Science Project	287.50
Friends of the Red Shop	430.00
Rockwell gift/Sewer 294	80,288.36
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>85,184.69</u>

CAPITOL PROJECTS (FUND 33 & 34)

ASSETS

Cash- restricted checking	30,000.00
Total Assets	<u>30,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Town Hall Ramp	25,000.00
Public Safety Building Restoration	5,000.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>30,000.00</u>

NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (81)

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	68,396.68
Total Assets	<u>68,396.68</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Daisy Dutcher Trust Fund	10,000.00
Park Department- Draper Park Trust	1,754.32
Library Trust Fund	56,270.92
Town Cemetery Trust	371.44
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>68,396.68</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (82)

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	35,445.88
Total Assets	<u>35,445.88</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Daisy Dutcher Trust	3,296.16
Park Department- Draper Park Trust	3,426.80
Library Trust	28,412.03
Town Cemetery Trust	260.89
Park Department, Playground Trust	50.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>35,445.88</u>

STABILIZATION FUND (83)

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	<u>445,260.30</u>
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved	<u>445,260.30</u>
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AGENCY FUNDS (89)

ASSETS

Cash	4,132.65
Total Assets	<u>4,132.65</u>

LIABILITIES

Warrants and Accounts Payable	
Planning Board	5,277.42
Police Special Duty	(1,146.78)
School Meals Tax	2.01
Total Liabilities	4,132.65

LONG TERM DEBT FUND (90)

ASSETS

Amt. to be provided for payment of debt	285,731.00
Sewer plant	1,505,525.00
	<u>1,791,256.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	285,731.00
Sewer plant	1,505,525.00
	<u>1,791,256.00</u>

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

As of June 30, 1990

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Totals	
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency Funds			(Memorandum only)	
Assets							1990	1989
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 5)	\$ 750,064	91,358	110,288	483,049			1,434,759	1,237,658
Investments (Note 5)	278,230	-	-	45,000			323,230	45,000
Receivables:								
Property taxes	230,198	-	-	-			230,198	275,157
Tax liens	444,132	-	-	-			444,132	230,716
Excise taxes	55,259	-	-	-			55,259	16,757
Departmental	61,142	-	-	-			61,142	9,159
User charges and liens	400,000	-	-	-			400,000	72,300
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-			-	323,907
Amount to be provided for payment of debt	-	-	-	-		1,791,256	1,791,256	1,916,064
Total Assets	\$ 2,228,504	91,358	110,288	528,049		1,791,256	4,769,455	4,189,718
Liabilities and Fund Balances								
Liabilities:								
Warrants payable	\$ 119,222	16,500	-	4,133		-	139,855	-
Accrued payroll and withholdings	59,338	-	-	-		-	59,338	22,875
Bonds payable (Note 4)	600,000	-	-	-		1,791,256	1,791,256	1,916,064
Notes Payable (Note 3)	170,098	-	-	-		-	600,000	100,000
Deferred revenues	120,822	-	-	-		-	170,098	649,216
Reserve for abatements and exemptions	-	-	-	-		-	120,822	93,349
Total Liabilities	1,669,480	16,500		4,133		1,791,256	3,481,369	2,781,704
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)								
Fund balances:								
Unreserved:								
Designated	613,312	74,858	110,288	523,916		-	1,322,374	1,074,828
Undesignated	(54,288)	-	-	-		-	(54,288)	333,186
Total Fund Balances	559,024	74,858	110,288	523,916		-	1,268,086	1,408,014
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,228,504	91,358	110,288	528,049		1,791,256	4,769,455	4,189,718

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Transfers, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

Year ended June 30, 1990

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum only)	
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust Funds	1990	1989
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 3,780,554	-	-	-	3,780,554	5,251,803
Excise taxes	311,266	-	-	-	311,266	342,076
Intergovernmental revenues	1,371,371	135,570	171,494	-	1,678,435	1,415,556
Charges for services	597,950	-	-	-	597,950	661,876
Investment income, net	88,484	-	-	44,445	132,929	90,893
Departmental	44,783	131,641	4,567	-	180,991	540,426
Penalties and interest	36,702	-	-	-	36,702	127,037
Licenses and permits	23,450	-	-	-	23,450	28,804
Total revenues	6,254,560	267,211	176,061	44,445	6,742,277	8,458,471
Operating transfers, net	(5,000)	-	-	-	(5,000)	-
Total revenues and transfers	6,254,560	262,211	206,061	19,445	6,742,277	8,458,471
Expenditures:						
General government	276,719	8,984	-	-	285,703	288,690
Public safety	659,357	9,276	-	-	668,633	587,156
Education	3,662,685	231,245	-	22,496	3,916,426	3,705,828
Health and sanitation	283,836	-	-	-	283,836	431,656
Public works	453,538	-	-	-	453,538	296,167
Human services	272,432	-	-	-	272,432	212,793
Culture and recreation	41,159	11,004	-	2,335	54,498	47,581
State and county assessments	4,131	-	-	-	4,131	4,393
Retirement contribution	166,734	-	-	-	166,734	174,162
Insurance	312,980	-	-	-	312,980	283,187
Debt service	182,980	-	-	-	182,980	283,945
Capital outlay	267,916	-	164,868	-	432,784	223,136
Total expenditures	6,401,487	260,509	164,868	24,831	6,851,695	6,540,692
Excess of revenues and transfers over expenditures	(146,927)	1,702	41,193	(5,386)	(109,418)	1,917,779
Other financing sources, net	(22,186)	-	-	(8,324)	(30,510)	(140,516)
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	(169,113)	1,702	41,193	(13,710)	(139,928)	1,777,263
Fund balances, beginning of year (Note B)	728,137	73,156	69,095	469,230	1,339,618	(440,875)
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 559,024	74,858	110,288	455,520	1,199,690	1,336,388

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Net Income and Fund Balances -
Nonexpendable Trust Funds

Year ended June 30, 1990

Operating revenues:	
Bequests	\$ -
Investment income	-
Total operating revenues	-----
	-
Operating expenses:	
Education	-
Income before operating transfers	-----
	-
Transfers to other funds, net	-
Net income	-----
	-
Fund balances, beginning of year (Note 8)	68,396

Fund balances, end of year	\$ 68,396
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Statement of Revenues, Transfers and Expenditures -
Budget and Actual, General Fund - Budgetary Basis

Year ended June 30, 1990

	Budget	Actual
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Revenues:		
Property taxes	\$ 3,918,873	3,650,111
Excise taxes	400,000	321,579
Intergovernmental revenues	1,183,327	1,371,371
Charges for services	633,925	619,422
Investment income, net	50,000	88,484
Departmental	34,750	41,854
Penalties and interest	60,000	36,702
Licenses and permits	20,000	23,450
Total revenues	-----	-----
	6,300,875	6,152,973
Operating transfers, net	146,118	-
Total revenues and transfers	-----	-----
	6,446,993	6,152,973
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Expenditures:		
General government	272,164	276,719
Public safety	685,108	659,357
Education	3,663,161	3,662,685
Health and sanitation	510,740	453,538
Public works	271,418	283,836
Human services	267,827	272,432
Culture and recreation	41,327	41,159
State and county assessments	9,560	4,131
Retirement contribution	167,585	166,734
Insurance	322,000	312,980
Debt service	241,976	267,916
Total expenditures	-----	-----
	6,452,866	6,401,487
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Excess of revenues and transfers over (under) expenditures	\$ (5,873)	(248,514)
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

HOPEDALE, MASS. 01747

For Fiscal Year 1990 six regular meetings were held by the Zoning Board of Appeals in addition to a five-part hearing for a Comprehensive Permit submitted by the Hamlet Development Corporation to construct a sixty unit single family and duplex style housing development on an approximately twenty-eight acre parcel of land off Plain and Mellen Street, which proposed that eighteen of these homes will qualify as affordable under State affordable housing programs.

Robert Silhavey was re-appointed for a three year term and Thomas Haynes was appointed as an alternate member of the Board during this year.

Present members of the Board are Thomas Roche, Bruce Lutz, Walter Cyr, Robert Silhavey and Joseph Menfi as Chairman; with Norma Thurston and Thomas Haynes as Associate Members.

We express our thanks to all of those who assisted us in our duties throughout the year.

Respectfully,
Joseph Menfi
Joseph Menfi
Chairman



OFFICE OF

Board of Road Commissioners

HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

REPORT FOR FY '90

The past year has been very frustrating because of manpower shortage and a budget that has made projects and maintenance limited. We closed the decade with a growth of 25% more streets and the June 26, 1990 Town Meeting voted a 14.3% decrease in our operating budget.

There were no major projects this year. We concentrated on maintenance of roadways, cutting and trimming of grass areas, along with assistance to the Park Department and service to all other departments.

We would like to acknowledge a thank you to all departments for their cooperation and especially the staff at the Town Hall and the Town Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

Merwin Noyes, Chairman
John Farrar
John Cutter, Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE



HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS 01747

WATER STUDY COMMITTEE

REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

HOPEDALE TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 5, 1989

WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Christine Burke, Chairperson
James Silva
Richard Gleason
Benjamin Phillips
Gordon Lewis
Robert Barrows

SUMMARY

During the past fourteen weeks, the Water Study Committee has been meeting to review various documents and reports and to speak with individuals representing the Town of Hopedale and individuals representing the Milford Water Co. to determine and recommend if the sale of the Water Department would best service the residents of Hopedale.

On November 15, 1989 the Committee voted to recommend that the sale of the assets of the Hopedale Water Department is in the best interest of the residents. The Committee voted not to accept the present offer made by the Milford Water Company as it was the opinion of the Committee that the offer was not adequate as presented. The Committee has attempted to address all the relevant issues in its full report including: issues concerning the supply of water; the need for preventative maintenance; financial matters; and, compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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PART III DATA COLLECTED (APPENDICES)

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- D. Coffin & Richardson Report of December 15, 1988
- E. Hingham Ruling
- F. Southbridge v. Southbridge Water Supply Company, 371 Mass. 209 (1976)
- G. Drinking Water Impact Studies, Water Engineering & Management, March 1989.
- H. AIA Standards

PART I RECOMMENDATION TO SELL WATER DEPARTMENT ASSETS

A. Statement of Findings

1. Water Supply

It is apparent from the reading of the documentation and discussions with various personnel, from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Hopedale Water Department, over the past several months that the available water supply within the Town of Hopedale is

not adequate to meet the needs of the residents as well as other municipal and privately held companies. This fact becomes further apparent based on the current necessity that the Milford Water Company must furnish the southeasterly section of Hopedale utilizing a feeder line on South Main Street.

Hopedale also lacks adequate well capacity, again resulting in Milford Water Company providing a 12" feeder line on William Street at the Milford-Hopedale town line. Hopedale has never been able to become fully independent since the establishment of the Hopedale Water Department in 1948. It is our understanding that several attempts by employees of the Town to search out other sources of water within the Town have been made, all to no avail. To explore a program to locate new water sources within Hopedale would be economically unfeasible and certainly the costs would have to be borne by the taxpayers or water users of the Town. Also, this undertaking would have to be conducted by a hired firm with no assurances of arriving at a new supply of water within the Town.

The Milford Water Co. intends to draw water from a well on land in Upton owned by the Federal Government. The suggestion was raised to this Committee on November 1, 1989 that perhaps Hopedale too, could draw water directly from this source since it is owned by the Federal Government. The Committee recognizes the potential merit to this suggestion as a solution to our supply problem and would strongly encourage further investigation into the same. The Committee would like the residents to note, however, that Hopedale would have to pipe this water from Upton into its own system and that the Milford Water Co. is prepared to make this capital outlay at the present time. At the very least, if Hopedale is entitled to this water, then perhaps some price accommodation can be negotiated at the time of sale.

The available water supply also presents a safety hazard and Fire Chief Durgin has stated that Hopedale's rating has dropped from B-1 to C-7.

2. Condition of the Hopedale Water System

The Water Study Committee has met with the Hopedale Water and Sewer Commissioners, the employees of our Water Department, and the Town Administrator to discuss among other matters, the present condition of the Hopedale water system. In addition, the Committee met with the Engineer from Coffin & Richardson, Mr. Howard Wilbur, who on September 7th conducted the inspection of the Hopedale water system in 1988 in order to place a value on the system.

Among the testimony which we received, Mr. Wilbur stated that our system was in good condition for a system of its age. Chairman Phillips of the Water Commissioners made the following comments concerning the condition of the Hopedale system:

"During several recent water connections or repairs to Water Mains in the Town of Hopedale, severe clogging of our mains has been noted. The 6" main on Freedom Street had approximately a 4 1/2" flow. About 400' of 4" main on Park Street, had almost no flow. When Highland Estates was tied into the Highland Street main, that 6" main had approximately a 2" flow."

"Another area of Town in need of improvement is in the Mill Street section, where no single main exists. The residences in that area are connected directly to each other by smaller, sub-standard feeds, of varying sizes."

"It is my opinion that there is about one third of the Town that the Hopedale Water System does not adequately service and maintain. These locations could be to the 12" main on Williams Street, the 8" main on Williams Street, and 6" mains at Daniel and Green Streets, as well as at Main and Mendon Streets. Also eliminating the meter and by-pass on South Main Street would assure a better flow to the residents of the south end of Town."

3. Need for Preventative Maintenance Program

The sale of the Town water system to the Milford Water Company will provide Hopedale with an on-going maintenance program. Currently, Hopedale does not have a preventative maintenance program, but rather "if a problem exists or occurs, we fix it". The Hopedale Department has done an excellent job in fixing problems as they occur but cannot carry on a preventative maintenance program with the funding allocations it now receives.

4. General Improvements to Quality of Water System

Among the benefits which would accrue to the Town of Hopedale if the system is sold are:

a. Reconnection of water mains serviced in 1948 that would improve fire flows, water quality and system reliability.

b. Utilization of the Milford Water Company's 1.1 million gallon water tank on Congress Street to supplement the existing Hopedale tank, thus providing for better safety in the event of a major fire.

c. Availability of backup pumping facilities in the event of an emergency.

d. Repairs and additions which have been long overdue on a preventative maintenance program. These would include cleaning water mains and tank painting on a reasonable, but acceptable schedule.

e. Twenty-four hour security of all water sources.

f. Cost of maintenance or necessary improvements would be pro-rated over the entire customer base of the Milford Water Company saving the residents of Hopedale considerable money and lower water bills than if Hopedale were to remain independent.

B. Financial Impact in Future Years

1. Benefits

1.01 Additional Tax Revenues - \$69,000

The real estate taxes on the Hopedale Water Department assets is estimated to be about \$69,000 per year based on the tax rate in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990. These taxes are considered "new growth" and added to the 2.5% levy limit. Therefore, the total real estate taxes received by the Town would increase by \$69,000 after the sale.

The classification of the tax revenue as "new growth" was confirmed on October 17, 1989 by the Town Assessor and the members of the Board of Assessors. The estimate of \$69,000 is based on the current fiscal year 1990 commercial tax rate (\$19.68 per thousand) and an appraised value of about \$3.5 million. The \$3.5 million appraisal is included in the Coffin & Richardson, Inc. report as the "estimated

reproduction cost new less depreciation". The actual tax revenues from the assets of the sale would be based on the appraisal performed by the Town Assessor and/or under the direction of the Board of Assessors.

The Water Study Committee was concerned with the difference of the appraised value of the assets as compared to the sale price. The Town Assessor and the Board of Assessors indicated the real estate taxes would be based on the appraised value of the assets and not the sale price. Therefore, any portion of contributed plant that is excluded from the determination of the sale price would be included in the appraised value for real estate taxes.

The Water Study Committee has not attempted to factor potential future changes in the current residential/commercial separate tax rate structure on future tax revenues from the sale of the assets. Obviously, any changes to the current tax rate structure that would narrow the gap between residential and commercial tax rates would reduce the tax revenue from the water assets as well as other commercial property in the Town. These tax reductions on commercial property would be passed on as tax increases for the residential sector.

1.02 Investment Income from Sale Proceeds

In addition to the \$69,000 in real estate taxes generated by the sale of the assets, the Town of Hopedale will earn interest income on the initial down payment plus interest on any outstanding notes receivable. If the Town were to earn 7.00% (rate offered by the Milford Water Co. on the note) simple interest on the entire \$1,000,000 sales price the Town would have interest income of \$70,000. This is probably a low interest estimate in today's market. Even if the Town needed to use the funds, the value derived from having these funds available for another use would be a benefit to the Town and a value should be placed on this benefit.

2. Drawbacks

2.01 Fire Hydrant Rental Fees

The largest additional cost to the Town would be the fire hydrant rental fees. These fees are estimated to be about \$35,000 each year based on the hydrants included in the water assets. In addition, there are fourteen additional hydrants from current new developments that will increase the fire hydrant rental fees by about \$5,000. Therefore, the total cost for fire hydrant rental fees will be about \$40,000.

The fire hydrant rental fees are a major concern to the Water Study Committee. The inflationary increases in the future to the hydrant rental fee structure coupled with rental fees from additional hydrants from new developments could escalate the hydrant rental fees in excess of the tax revenues collected by the Town. It is estimated the tax revenues collected by the Town would increase by approximately 2.5% per year based on the current tax structure in Hopedale. This revenue would increase as additional new assets are added to the system in future years. It is possible that the value of the water assets would be depreciated in future years and result in reduced tax revenue. Therefore we cannot conclude that the tax revenues would exceed the fire hydrant rental fees in the future.

The Water Study Committee feels strongly that the hydrant rental fee issue should be negotiated prior to the sale of the water assets. For example, we would suggest the elimination of hydrant rental fees for any contributed hydrants that the Town receives less than 100% of the "reproduction cost new, less depreciation". In

addition, future contributed hydrants should also be excluded from the fee structure. The Town could negotiate a maximum hydrant rental fee of 20% (or an appropriate percentage) of the annual tax revenues paid by the Milford Water Company to the Town.

2.02 ^{*}Impact on Laurelwood, Steel Road, and Hopedale Airport Industrial Park

The water systems of the Laurelwood condominiums, Steel Road, and the Hopedale Airport Industrial Park are not owned by the Town of Hopedale. The Town of Hopedale does not charge Laurelwood or Steel Road residents for hydrant fees. There are fifteen hydrants at Laurelwood and four hydrants on Steel Road. The Milford Water Company will charge the residents of these areas water hydrant rental fees. We have estimated the charges to be \$5,200 per year for Laurelwood and \$1,400 per year for Steel Road (\$342 per hydrant).

In addition, there would be charges to the Hopedale Airport Industrial Park for hydrants. The water for this section of the Town is supplied by the Milford Water Company. This area of South Hopedale is not connected to the water source provided by the Hopedale Water Department. The Milford Water Company currently charges the Town of Hopedale about \$6,200 per year for "hydrant rental fees". This cost is charged against the Hopedale Fire Department budget and the Fire Chief has requested the Board of Selectmen to address this issue. The Hopedale Water Department is responsible for the maintenance of the system including the fire hydrants. The Milford Water Company does not own any portion of this system, but is collecting hydrant rental fees equal to the same amount that would be assessed if the Milford Water Company owned and maintained the system. We would recommend the Board of Water Commissioners address this issue and discuss reductions of these hydrant fees as soon as possible. In any event, it is our understanding that none of these hydrant fees currently paid by the Town are passed on to the Hopedale Airport Industrial Park.

2.03 Effect on General Government Budget

The sale of the Hopedale Water Department assets would result in an increase in the General Government budget. The major portion of the increase would be for the salaries of office personnel currently paid from the Hopedale Water Department budget that would be included in the General Government budget. We estimate the increase to the General Government budget to reflect these salaries and the increase for medical insurance to approximate \$28,000.

A portion of the salaries of the Town Administrator, Accountant, Treasurer/Collector, Confidential Secretary, and Bookkeeper is currently included in the Water Department budget. This proration of salaries includes an estimate of the percentage of the total time performed by each employee that is associated with the Water Department. In addition, the current proration of salaries reflects some costs included in the General Government budget that would be difficult or impossible to prorate. For example, pension costs for employees and maintenance costs associated with the Town office for administration and record keeping in the Water Department would be difficult to prorate. Therefore, the actual portion of salaries included in Water Department budget is greater than the percentage that each office employee works in the Water Department.

Several Town residents have approached the Water Study Committee and indicated that the General Government budget should not be increased after the sale to reflect the portion of salaries charged to the Water Department budget. In effect, these residents have

suggested reducing the salaries of the office personnel after the sale. This action would have a severe impact on the way services are delivered by General Government and the ramifications should be examined carefully before making this type of decision. This issue is beyond the scope of the Water Study Committee and we have assumed all Town office employees will be retained at full salary in determining the financial impact after the sale.

The sale would also result in an increase of about \$6,000 to various Town departments to reflect the cost of water consumption by the Town. This amount is based on the current water consumption in the school, public safety, highway, library, and Town Hall buildings. Presently there is no charge for water consumption included in the Town departments. In effect, the water consumption is being subsidized by all the water users of the Town.

In addition, the sale would also result in an increase of about \$5,000 for various small new contracted services. This would represent services in the Town currently performed by Hopedale Water Department employees. There is a regional approach to performing certain services in the Town, similar to other towns the size of Hopedale. The Water Department employees have provided services to other departments such as the Sewer Department, Highway Department, School Department, etc. as part of the regional approach to providing services. It is difficult to place a price tag on these services, so the \$5,000 should be treated a ballpark estimate.

2.04 Impact on Sewer Department

The sale of the Hopedale Water Department assets will have an impact on increasing the costs of the Sewer Department. It is anticipated that the number of non-office employees will increase from 2.5 employee equivalents to 3 full time employees. In addition, there would be an adjustment to the proration of salaries for two of the office employees.

The sale would also have an impact on the Sewer Department that is difficult to measure. The current employees of the Water Department are available to assist the Sewer Department. Therefore it is possible that an additional employee would be required in the Sewer Department to fill in staffing needs during a period of time that a non-office employee was out on an extended sick leave.

The Water Study Committee was concerned with the sewer billings after the sale. The Milford Water Company produces the sewer bills for the Town of Milford for a cost of about \$5,000. We anticipate the same procedure can occur in Hopedale or the Milford Water Company can provide a computer tape of the water consumption by users that can be integrated in the Hopedale billing system. The responsibilities of both the Town of Hopedale and the Milford Water Company and corresponding costs associated with the billings should be determined during the negotiation of the sale. These costs and procedures should be reviewed by both the Town Administrator and the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

C. Other Considerations

1. Future Costs If The Hopedale Water Department Is Not Sold

1.01 Safe Drinking Water Act

In 1974 Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which required EPA to set limits for several chemical, physical and biological parameters. Resulting regulations established

maximum contaminate levels (MCLs) for ten inorganic chemicals, six organic chemicals, five radionuclides, turbidity and coliforms.

The 1986 Amendments to the SDWA are generating numerous regulations for the drinking water industry. EPA is required to specify numerical MCLs or treatment techniques for 83 initial contaminants as well as for an additional 25 contaminants every three years. These contaminants exist at unknown levels in many of our water systems because the analytical methods for accurately monitoring many of them require very sophisticated equipment and experienced laboratory personnel. Many water purveyors are now wondering if their current water treatment practices will allow them to be in compliance with the new and anticipated drinking water regulations.

The Water Study Committee is concerned with the future costs of meeting the regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act. It is our understanding that the water sources of the Hopedale Water Department meet or exceed the current guidelines of the Safe Drinking Water Act. It is possible that large expenditures may be required in future years. Our committee was unable to get a ballpark estimate from the Board of Commissioners or the Town Administrator for this compliance in future years. The residents of Hopedale should be aware that this could become a large financial burden to the Hopedale Water Department. The worse case scenario is that at some point in the future it would not be economically feasible to comply with the guidelines of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Town would attempt to purchase the entire water needs from the Milford Water Company or other sources. In this situation, Hopedale would be responsible for maintaining a water system without a water source. This would significantly increase the water rates for the Hopedale residents.

Even with the resources of the Milford Water Company, it is going to result in hardships which in our opinion are not fully definable at this time. There is no doubt that the implementation of this Act will necessitate rate increases for water; however, those rate increases would be spread over a larger base of customers under the implementation by the Milford Water Co. rather than being borne by the smaller water user population in Hopedale.

1.02 Capital outlays needed in Hopedale.

One of the largest expenditures required in the near future is the painting of the water tank off William Street. This tank was last painted in 1971. The estimated cost to paint the tank is about \$75,000. We are unaware of any other large expenditures.

The employees of the Hopedale Water Department indicated there have not been substantial capital improvement expenditures in the maintaining of the water system in recent years. This is due to the fact that funds were not available in the Water Department budget for these capital improvements. There is a water meter replacement program and the water department has replaced many lead service connections. It appears there are large capital expenditures that should be made to the Hopedale water system that would include cleaning and replacement of the older sections of the water system. These expenditures will increase the water rates for the users. It would seem logical that these expenditures would be more cost effective under a larger water user base of the Milford Water Company and benefit the Hopedale water users. Of course, this benefit would be offset by expenditures by the Milford Water Company in the water system of areas other than Hopedale. Therefore, we cannot conclude that the water rates (after rate increases for implementing a program of cleaning and replacing the sections of the system) charged to the Hopedale residents will be lower under the system if owned by the Milford Water Company.

2. Consumer Protection under Department of Public Utilities

There is extensive consumer protection by the Department of Public Utilities in all matters ranging from water billing to customer service. If rate increases are required (which seems inevitable) formal hearings and rate increase justification would be provided by the Milford Water Company to the D.P.U. Subsequent to all data, to justify rate increase being properly submitted, it would normally take a minimum of ten months before rate increase would be approved by the D.P.U. Currently, Hopedale could assess its residents the cost of repairs, increase water rates, maintain regulatory requirements, etc. without the review or justification of the D.P.U.

3. Residents with Private Wells

Town residents who live in areas of the Town which are not serviced by the current water system have inquired about the possibility of access to the water system if the system is sold. The Milford Water Company has made no commitment to provide water to these residents with private wells. The Milford Water Company has indicated the water system would be extended if it is economical to make such an improvement.

4. State Grant

The Town received a State grant of \$100,000 in 1988 for the Greene Street wells. The Town should review the grant agreement and legal ramifications of a sale of the water system.

5. Water Tank at Pine Crest

The developer of Pine Crest has agreed to install a water tank in such area. It is possible that a water tank will not be required if the system is sold and the new water source from Upton is connected to the Hopedale water system. The Board of Water Commissioners should determine if this tank is required in the event the system is sold. It is our understanding that the Town may receive benefits in lieu of the water tank from the developer if the tank is not required.

PART II VALUE OF HOPEDALE WATER SYSTEM

The Milford Water Company has offered to purchase the Hopedale Water Dept. for \$1,300,000. The terms of the offer are that the Town of Hopedale shall receive \$250,000 down with the balance to be paid over a ten year period as follows:

<u>End of Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	\$75,000	\$52,500	\$127,500
2	75,000	47,250	122,250
3	75,000	42,000	117,000
4	75,000	36,750	111,750
5	75,000	31,500	106,500
6	75,000	26,250	101,250
7	75,000	21,000	96,000
8	75,000	15,750	90,750
9	75,000	10,500	88,500
10	75,000	5,040	88,500
TOTAL	\$750,000	\$300,000	\$1,050,000

Down payment

250,000

\$1,300,000

It should be noted that the offer made to the Town did not reflect the actual breakdown between principal and interest. The Committee felt the breakdown should be shown, as the \$1,300,000 offer is misleading in that the amount represents the sum of the total payments over a ten year period.

The Water Study Committee, after hearing from numerous parties regarding the Hopedale Water Department and reviewing the various documents that were received, is of the belief that the proposed sales price offer of \$1,000,000 made to the Town of Hopedale, as shown above, is inadequate. It is also the Committee's belief that the calculated interest rate of 7.00% on the unpaid balance is also not an adequate rate in today's marketplace. The actual value of this offer is substantially lower and is dependent on the assumed interest rate used to determine the present value of the stream of payments. For example, the present value of the offer is about \$890,000 based on an interest rate of 11% (current prime rate plus 1/2%). The \$890,000 represents the value of the offer paid-in-full at the time of the sale without any future payments. The present value of the offer is about \$800,000 with a 15% rate of interest.

As with any sales transaction, the seller wants to receive as much as possible and the buyer wants to pay as little as possible. The proposed sale of the Hopedale Water Department is no different in that the Town of Hopedale would like the sale price to be as much as possible and the Milford Water Company as little as possible. Therefore, with this in mind the Committee felt that to determine what the value of the Water Department is, it was imperative to have an independent party assist the Town in determining what the approximate value is.

The Committee received a report done by Coffin and Richardson, Inc. an independent appraiser hired by the Milford Water Company. After reviewing the report, discussing the report with Coffin & Richardson, and various conversations with other people in the industry, the Committee felt comfortable with the manner in which the report was done. The Committee further felt that it was not necessary for the Town to hire its own consultant as Coffin & Richardson are probably one of the most qualified appraisers of water companies in this part of the country.

The two methods of valuing a water company are historical or actual cost and replacement or reproduction cost. Under both of these methods, a depreciation factor can be applied so that a net after depreciation figure is arrived at. The other most important factor involved is contributed plant. Contributed plant is property that is owned by the town, but was not paid for by the town. The assets were contributed by developers of various projects to the town. The Committee felt that the valuation of the assets after depreciation appeared reasonable but strongly disagreed with the fact that contributed plant was not being considered. With this in mind it was the Committee's feeling that the Water department value should be somewhere between \$389,239 (original cost less depreciation less contributed plant) and \$3,565,633 (replacement cost less depreciation). The Committee was of the opinion that due to the fact that some of the assets were not in good condition, that a hybrid approach between actual cost and replacement cost should be used in the valuation of the assets.

The committee is aware of improvements of about \$50,000 to the water system subsequent to the Coffin & Richardson valuation that should be included in the asset values. In addition, the valuation of the land included in the water system is the June 30, 1988 appraisal of the land carried by the Town Assessor's Office. The Committee feels the land should be appraised by the Town Assessor and the assets value of the water system should reflect any adjustments in this appraisal.

The Committee believes that it is in the best interest of the Town of Hopedale to sell the Water Department. We also feel that the Town should try to get the most it can for this, but it should also remember that the number of buyers for the Water Department are limited. As for the interest rate on any outstanding balance, it was the Committee's feeling that a rate closer to the prime rate should be acceptable.



HOPEDALE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Junior-Senior High School Building
Hopedale, Massachusetts 01747
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HOPEDALE TOWN MEETING

APRIL 2, 1990

INTERIM REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Your School Building Committee has reconvened after approximately two years at the request of the School Committee and approval to do so by our Town Moderator.

The charter of this committee at this time is three-fold.

The first two programs involve preservation projects, and the third deals with future planning.

The most urgent task is the renovation of the Memorial School. This school was built in 1955 with an expansion added in 1963. No major renovations have been done since construction. In several critical areas, the school has simply worn out.

We will be coming before you at a future Town Meeting requesting funds for this project. Although we do not have a current estimate of the cost, we know this will be a major expenditure. Even though the present renovation plans will allow us to accommodate another 50-75 students, this is not an expansion project nor is it a project that will solve our space problems.

This is a must project to keep the school operational. As an example of the major scope of the project, we need to replace the boilers, the roof and lighting. When this project comes before you, we strongly urge your support. Regardless of the Town's direction relative to solving our space shortage problem, this project needs to be done and is long overdue.

The second project within the preservation phase is renovation of the Junior-Senior High School. Although this building is structurally sound, we need extensive cosmetic and energy related renovations. This project is sorely needed, but is not as high a priority as the Memorial School. Therefore, this will be addressed after a resolution has been reached on the Memorial School.

The third project which is the second phase of our charter, involves planning our way out of the space-shortage problem. The committee still believes the most practical solution in keeping with the needs and desires of the town is to build a new high school. This is not as high a priority as the two preservation projects because the level of construction in our town has slowed down substantially, and, therefore, the growth projections have slowed. As many of you know, we are renting a commercial building at the airport to house the overflow of students within the



system. This procedure will be adequate until our growth resumes. Our town will eventually need to provide space for 1,250 to 1,300 students with the primary space shortfall being at the high school level. This will represent an increase in student population of 553 students since 1984. This 80% increase is not a temporary blip but an issue we will have to deal with throughout the foreseeable future. Let's be sure we have the foresight to solve this problem before there is a negative impact on the quality of our school system.

This town's character and quality evolves around the education system. Most of you either moved here because of the educational reputation or were raised here and take a great deal of pride in our school system's quality. We all enjoy the benefits of having a high quality school system such as premium housing prices, and we certainly don't want to lose them. Whether or not you have children in the school system, it is incumbent on you to get behind the preservation of our school system's high quality standards.

It is now time for us as residents and taxpayers to pay for the high standards we have become accustomed to. It is going to cost the average taxpayer several hundred dollars per year, but it is a financial sacrifice that we can no longer avoid or afford not to make.

Respectfully submitted,
Hopedale School Building Committee

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE



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REPORT OF THE 1989 / 90 HOPEDALE SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

At the June 20, 1989 Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hopedale, a vote was affirmed creating a School Study Committee. This committee was to consist of not more than nine members including one each from the School Committee, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen and five members from the community at large. The purpose of this membership distribution was to encourage a multifaceted approach to the problems facing the Hopedale School System. The history of past efforts brought before the town has been that of a singular option. Each of these has been defeated, possibly because none of them have represented the "ideal solution" and the townspeople have cast their votes against a less than perfect choice in favor of the possibility that this ideal solution had not yet been found. By analyzing all potential solutions it was hoped that the comparison would lead to the selection of the best direction.

The charge of this committee was to explore "each and every feasible option available to the town with respect to its school system's needs and to work co-terminously with the School Building Committee to present all available options to the Town, or to take any action in relation thereto."

The Committee has met diligently in open meetings from September 1989 to April 1990. Although all meetings have been duly posted and efforts have been made to publicize our activities, attendance from the general public has been limited to a handful of concerned individuals. Our approach has been to review past considerations by the town and to solicit the input and expertise of many individuals who have been involved in these considerations. Specifically, we have invited the Superintendent of Schools, the Chairman of the former Regionalization Study Committee, representatives from the School Building Committee and the current Regionalization Planning Committee. We have also openly encouraged and solicited comments from those individuals who did attend our meetings.

We always tried to keep our personal biases out of our discussions but we recognize that we all have one very strong bias-- we are all deeply concerned about assuring that the children of Hopedale receive a quality education.

EVALUATION OF NEED

The initial focus of the committee was on the anticipated space needs. Thus it seemed appropriate to first determine exactly what the degree of those needs was. We reviewed the most recently available census data, discussed the current and potential future availability of the rented space at the Hartford Avenue School, and made projections of future student populations based upon approved residential development. It should be emphasized that we did not inflate our projections by estimating students from rumored developments. The time period that we based our assessments on was September 1993. This date was chosen for three main reasons. First, it represented the expiration of the current lease on the Hartford Avenue school which in 1988 had become an important temporary solution to the immediate space crunch. Second, we felt an obligation to look toward long-term solutions and not short-term band-aids. Lastly, the lead-time for some of the potential solutions (such as building and regionalization) are long.

AVAILABLE SPACE

The capacity of school facilities is not a single number. Rather it is a calculation determined by; the function to occur within the space (e.g. English vs. "office practice"); the age distribution of students (unfortunately our children do not present themselves in even multiples of 25!); and the acceptable class size. The programmed capacity of Town owned school facilities is 800 to 850 students. This is based upon a School Committee policy recommending class size in kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 at 20-25 students per class and grades 3 - 6 at 25 - 30 per class, as well as the current curriculum and age distribution. Note that the current rental of the Hartford Avenue School yields capacity for 150 additional students. This agreement expires in 1993 however and any consideration of its space must be based upon the realistic projections of continued availability and cost.

According to the most recently available census data at the time of our study, there are 1055 children who currently reside in Hopedale who will be school age as of the 1993/94 school year. Information provided by the Planning Board indicates that 5 residential developments have been approved and are as yet unoccupied. These include:

1)	Highland Estates	31 lots
2)	Boyd Road	4 lots
3)	Charlesgate	5 lots
4)	Rosenfeld	60 mixed units
5)	Zersky	30 lots

Total 130 lots

Using the historically accurate projection of 0.7 students per household, we calculated 90 additional students who will likely be entering the system by the

fall of 1993. This brings the total projected student population to 1145 by the start of the 1993/94 school year. Combining this with the town owned capacity for 800 - 850 students we anticipate a need to identify alternatives to meet the needs of an additional 300 to 350 students. This number will become the new baseline because residents who move out will be replaced with residents of similar demographics.

RESEARCH OF PAST EFFORTS

School Building Committee

Mr. Joseph Antonellis was invited to speak to the committee to provide background information on the School Building Committee. This committee likewise performed an analysis of space need and availability. Initially, the thoughts were to expand the Memorial School, then the Junior-Senior High School. Neither of these proved possible. (In the first case due to lack of sufficient core facilities (cafeteria, heating, etc.) and site limitations. In the second case, insufficient land to meet the State's 'open space' requirements. The committee looked at other sites including the "Draper Administrative Building". The committee employed architects, as consultants and their expertise ruled out the financial viability of renovation of all potential sites. The various incentives, as created by state funding, and the attached requirements led to the logical conclusion that the current Junior-Senior High School should be used as a "swing school" and that a new High School should be constructed. In addition to meeting the anticipated space needs, this would have updated the academic and physical needs of the system. The project was designed such that it would have met the state's requirements to provide 71% of the necessary funding.

The Building Committee also was charged with addressing the rapid deterioration of the physical structure at the Memorial School. This was a separate issue to the proposed high school, as was the proposal of a pool option to the high school.

The rental of the Hartford Avenue School was proposed and accepted by the town to serve as a temporary "bridge" in time until occupancy of the new high school.

In June 1988, the Town of Hopedale voted against a debt exclusion to proposition 2-1/2 to fund the remaining 29% by a margin of 2 to 1. Actually 55% of the towns 2,927 registered voters turned out with 1,070 voting "no" and 458 voting "yes".

Regionalization Study Committee

Mr. Robert Goss, Chairman of the former committee, related its activities to us. In October 1988, after the vote against the funding for a new school, a nine-member Regional School Study Committee was created by a vote at a special town meeting. This committee investigated the advantages and disadvantages of a regional school district; gathered information relative to space availability and needs; and made initial contact with neighboring School Committees to determine if sufficient interest existed for regionalization with those towns.

The finding of the Regionalization Study Committee was in favor of creation of a Regional School Planning Committee. This action was voted and approved at the 1989 annual Town Meeting.

It should be noted that this recommendation and action were taken after and in response to the prior vote against a new high school.

ENUMERATION OF ALTERNATIVES:

Option: Increased Class Size / Reduced Offerings

Based upon the projections of student population as of 1993 and the capacity of town owned facilities, the average class size would have to be between 35 and 40 students. A number of courses would have to be eliminated as well. These would likely include foreign languages, industrial arts, home economics, office practice, typing and computer. It is probable that many talented teachers would seek positions in other communities where the educational environment would be more conducive to their careers.

The advantage seen for this alternative was that it is likely to be the least expensive option. This is not entirely clear however because of the additional maintenance, furniture (desks, chairs), and aide staff needed to "control" classrooms.

The disadvantages of this class size were discussed as follows:

- Discipline becomes a much greater problem
- Individual attention cannot be given students
- increased janitorial needs
- There would be a need for aides in classrooms
- This contradicts School Committee policy "recommending" class size in K-2 of less than 25, and 3-6 less than 30.
- Fire safety concerns
- concern about the general physical safety
- additional desks, chairs, etc. needed
- loss of teachers
- increased wear and tear on the facilities

Option: Double sessions / extended day

Double sessions represent a way to accommodate a larger number of students within limited space. This option has been used in many communities. It has almost always been limited to high school students and has been acceptable as a temporary alternative serving as a bridge to the completion of a more permanent space solution. With the projected student population of 1145 and a shortage of seats of 300-350, 600 to 700 students would have to be involved in these double sessions. This would therefore not be limited to high school students. The grades involved would be determined based upon the current "bulge" in student population. Since the "bulge" will progress throughout the grades, the individual students involved would continuously be moving with it. This would likely meet with resistance from the parents of those children involved. The disruption would affect families as well as students.

The current school day is approximately 6 hours. In order to accommodate double sessions, two five hours sessions would likely be instituted. These sessions would likely be 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with overlap for provision of lunch.

There would have to be two sets of bus runs, and additional teachers would have to be hired since in essence two separate, but full, "days" would be taught between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. It should be noted that long-term use of double sessions is not approvable by the State Department of Education. They are only approved temporarily when a permanent solution is in sight. This would lead to a loss of state aid.

The advantages of this option are:

- work within the existing space
- retention of an independent school system including the advantages of local control and identity

- maintain desired class size
- less expensive alternative than building
- good short-term alternative

The disadvantages are:

- increased transportation expenses
- disruption to family activities (before/after school care)
- increased teacher staff
- increased utilities expense
- nutritional concerns (who eats when, and how much time will there be between breakfast and lunch for children who arrive at 7:30 a.m.?)
- loss of rental income at high school
- extra-curricular activity disruption
- dramatic negative effect on real estate values
- storage of students' "desk" materials when the opposite session is at school.
- loss of 25% state aid

Option: Year-round school

This option again uses the existing space of school facilities more efficiently by eliminating the summer vacancy. It is a rather difficult to understand scheduling option. Basically, students by law have to attend school 180 days. Therefore 5 sessions of 45 academic days (9 weeks) would be created with a week in between. An individual student would be in school 4 out of 5 of these sessions therefor equally 180 days. Each session 20% (one fifth) of the student population would be out of school. Some students would be out of school during the summer, some during the winter, spring, fall etc. Efforts would have to be made to match students within the same family.

The advantages of this include:

- work within the existing space
- maintain independent school system
- maintain desired class size
- less expensive alternative than building
- short-term solution
- rental income not lost (as compared to double sessions)

the disadvantages are:

- affect on family schedules (vacations, child-care, etc.)
- loss of traditional summer vacation
- rotation of teachers affect on children (particularly elementary)
- increased teaching salaries (teachers' contracts are based on 180 days not 225 therefore salaries would have to be increased 25% or more teachers would have to be hired.
- negative affect on real estate values
- additional operating costs, heat, lights, air conditioning (or screens and fans)

Option: Utilize additional space

This is the approach which the town has opted for to meet the most recent increased space need of the school system. In fact the School Building Committee assessed each of the variations within this category--build a new school, renovate or add to an existing structure, buy an existing non-school structure to renovate and rent. The solution to the 1988 space crunch was the temporary rental of the Hartford Avenue School.

The School Study Committee does not have the resources in time or funds nor would it be efficient to repeat the analysis of the School Building Committee as to specific consideration of properties and or facilities.

Instead, we reviewed the process of that committee and in general terms evaluated the various building options. We discussed renovating the "Draper Administrative Building", adding on to Memorial, Park or the Junior-Senior High Schools and those factors which affect the viability of those options.

Utilizing additional space has the following advantages:

- maintain independent school system
- upgrade facilities to meet new physical and educational standards
- maintain desired class size
- long-term solution

The disadvantage is: -- most expensive alternative

Various potential sites discussed and the reason they were not considered viable include:

Addition to the Junior-Senior High School: This is not feasible because the school does not meet current state standards and any addition would necessitate bringing up to standard. Further, the property does not have enough "open space" to support an expansion.

Addition to the Memorial School: This school does not have sufficient "core facilities" to support expansion.

Addition to the Park Street School: The only option which appears to have any viability is the use of "portables" While this may have been a temporary alternative it does not meet the long-term needs of this system and would represent money thrown away. The core facilities at the Park Street School are not sufficient to meet the expanded needs.

Renovation of the "Draper Administrative Building" seemed an attractive possibility at first because it is there laying fallow. There are, however, many barriers to its renovation as a school. First, it does not have an independent heating source, the property does not meet the state site requirements, it would have to be made "barrier-free", and the facility may be tied up in bankruptcy or other legal affairs for years. Further, it was the expert opinion of the architects contracted by the School Building Committee that renovation is a more expensive alternative than building new.

Other facilities which have been considered and shown to be unworkable for a variety of reasons include: Local church properties; Hopedale Pressed Metal property; Blackstone Valley Youth Guidance facility; and sections of the Draper Corporation Main Building.

Rental is attractive particularly at the elementary level where the facilities can be inexpensively converted to non-school use upon termination of the rental/lease arrangement. (This makes it financially viable for the developer.)

If the need for additional space is deemed to be short-term, this alternative is very prudent because it avoids heavy capital investment in facilities which will not be needed in a few years.

If, however, it is projected that the need for additional space is long-term, rental becomes a more expensive alternative, as it does not qualify for the 71% reimbursement from the state School Building Assistance Bureau.

For all of the above reasons, the Study Committee has agreed that should "utilizing additional space" be the choice, a new school should be designed and built.

Option: Non-independent school system

Within this category there are two options--tuitioning and regionalization

Tuitioning is an alternative to provide space for excess student capacity. In order to minimize the impact on students, it would likely occur in the upper grades. The theory behind tuitioning is that only the variable costs of teacher salaries, supplies, transportation etc. are incurred. The fixed expense of a new facility is avoided. Under tuitioning arrangements, there is no representation of the "buying" community on the School Committee (nor any other local board) of the "selling" community. The potential advantages vary tremendously with the community involved.

The advantages of tuitioning (dependent upon the school system contracted with) include:

- work within existing space
- offer wider curriculum
- increased extra-curricula activities
- availability of advanced placement courses
- allows for teacher specialization

Disadvantages are:

- Little oversight capability in the absence of representation
- transportation out of community
- no contribution from the state (as opposed to regionalization)
- students loss of identity
- less chance to participate on student council, sports teams etc. (as opposed to a small independent system)

Regionalization would involve the creation of a Regional School District. There are financial incentives created by the state toward such districts. The likely structure of a regional school district involving Hopedale would call for local (in-town) education at the elementary level and regionalization at the high school level. This is important to note, as one of the main detractors of regionalization is the prospect of young children being bused for long trips. The process for regionalization involves the creation of a Regionalization Planning Committee which is authorized to meet with other community representatives to pursue interest and to initiate plans for potential districts. Final approval must be made by vote of both (all) communities involved as well as the state.

The financial incentives for regionalization are extremely strong. There is justifiable caution as to whether regional districts will be approved or these funds will be available. However, the determination of availability of funds is not region specific but rather the total allocation is proportionately distributed amongst all approved districts.

As with tuitioning, the advantages and disadvantages of regionalization vary with the community involved

The advantages of regionalization include:

- infusion of funds from the state
- increased curriculum offerings
- increased extra-curricula activities
- solution to space problem
- broadens horizons of students
- allows teacher specialization
- availability of advanced placement courses
- economies of scale
- protection of real estate values

Disadvantages include:

- transportation (children leaving the community)
- reduction in local control

- loss of small, close family atmosphere in schools
- reduction in accountability
- loss of identity
- less chance to participate on student council, sports teams etc. (as opposed to a small independent system)

Why was it important to create this committee? Why do we as residents of Hopedale care about the School System? Maybe those questions seem ridiculous. We all know that the law says we must provide 180 days of education. And we all know that "it's the right thing to do". But when it gets down to the nitty-gritty sometimes we decide that it may be the law but it's someone else's responsibility and maybe the 'right thing' to do isn't so clear--there are other priorities. So it is important to explore a little deeper the reasons.

Well, the reasons can be divided into two areas and two sub-areas. First, there is the societal perspective. This consists of the fact that we inherently know that it is right to educate children. As I said before, sometimes our conscience fades and therefor this principle has been reinforced by laws that require public education. There is also agreement that education provides benefits to society as a whole. The educated create new ways to improve our lives, to keep us healthier and safer....

Closer to home is Hopedale. We also have our philosophical "reasons" for providing a quality education to the children of Hopedale. Many of us grew up in Hopedale and throughout our lives have benefited from the excellent school system. Some of us raised our children in Hopedale and are proud of the successes those children as they have ventured outside our town into a world of competition in colleges and business. Still more of us were specifically drawn to move into Hopedale because we learned of the excellent reputation of the school system and we held the same ideals for education that we heard here.

Like society, there are lessphilanthropic....."reasons" for assuring the quality of education in the schools. The fact of the matter is that real estate values are in large part influenced by the school system reputation. This bottom line consideration is important to be aware of because schools require a great deal of money to run. Some of the alternatives we have explored involve more money, however, the cost is more than offset by the retention of real estate values. How many years of an annual \$250 increase in taxes would it take to equal a \$10,000 to \$20,000 decrease in property value? (Answer: 40 to 80 years). Put another way, \$250 a year is \$5 a week. Many of us spend that much in tolls each week so that we can earn a living and still enjoy a community like Hopedale.

What is one of the first questions a prospective home-buyer asks the real estate agent when he or she looks at a town? ---'What about the schools?'

When we first started this process, it was discouraging because it seemed like there were no viable alternatives. We have learned that there are many viable alternatives but that each is associated with a heavy price-tag--and not just monetary. The reason that this problem has been around for several years without someone coming up with the ideal solution is because it does not exist. But that means the town must act even if it is a difficult decision.

The problem has gone way beyond our original charter. In the course of the past 6 months, the financial status of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has deteriorated drastically, essential funding is in jeopardy and the inevitable collision course between the constraints of Proposition 2-1/2 and the realities of inflationary expenses significantly greater than 2-1/2 % has occurred.

The fact is that we began to look at how we could meet the space needs of our schools in 1993 and we have come to realize that we cannot afford the existing school system in 1990.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The history of the town in this area has been to reject each individual alternative. We must now look collectively at all the alternatives and make a choice. Be advised that there are two kinds of choices--active choices and reactive choices. Active choices are those that require legally some action by the town through election and/or town meeting process. Reactive choices include making no decision and continuing to reject each individual alternative. Reactive choices are those that eliminate your say in the process. The School Committee has a legal responsibility to provide 180 "days" of education. Given that responsibility and inadequate space and/or funding, the School Committee must take whatever steps are necessary to meet that need. This may include elimination of programs, increasing class-sizes, etc. We feel that the town should take an active approach rather than a reactive approach.

It is an undeniable fact that there are inherent financial inefficiencies in a school system which supports a town the size of Hopedale. Therefore, the first step which must be taken is to decide if we are willing to pay the price for the advantages of an independent school system or if we are willing to accept the negative consequences associated with trying to run that system without the necessary levels of support.

It is the committee's recommendation that:

The Town of Hopedale recognize our collective desire to maintain an independent K-12 school system. The school system is why many of us moved here or stayed here to raise our children. When asked the question would you prefer an independent school system the answer is "YES". When asked to pay for it the answer is "NO". That contradiction cannot continue and since the conflict appears to be in monetary terms, we must evaluate the alternatives in monetary terms. A quality independent school system with academically sound class-size, curriculum offerings and facilities pays for itself. The effect of a deteriorating school system in Hopedale will be a return to the days immediately following the closing of the Draper Corporation. There will be more "for sale" signs and the value of the homes will drop drastically.

We recommend therefore that a School Building Committee be re-convened to review the plans for a new high school. Given the current economic situation, those plans must be modified so as to provide only the most basic needs. We need to assure that the town gets the most benefit for the least expense. We recommend that the town fund this facility through a debt exclusion override.

We further recommend strongly that the town create a joint effort to increase the commercial/industrial tax base and control the further development of residential property (which does not contribute sufficiently to the tax base). This represents the only realistic long-term approach for funding an independent school system in a town of 5000.

Should the town decide that it is not willing to commit the resources necessary to maintain an independent school system, our secondary recommendation is the creation of, or addition to, a regional school district. The basis of this recommendation is that it is the only viable opportunity to provide a quality education without incurring the financial burden of an independent school system. The effect of all other alternatives to live within the existing space will be so negative both as the the educational process and the the value of property in Hopedale as to be self-destructive. It must be re-emphasized that this option is not one which lies solely at the discretion of Hopedale. All involved communities and the state must approve the creation of, or modification to a regional school district. We will leave the detailed

reporting of the status of regionalization possibilities to the Regionalization Planning Committee, however, it is our understanding that there are no towns currently committed to pursuing regionalization with Hopedale. This emphasizes the point that we must look for solutions within the town.

This report and the recommendations contained therein are approved by a unanimous vote of the Hopedale School Study Committee, this 28th day of March in the year 1990.

Committee Members:

Edith Fulton	Susan Hourihan (School Committee)	John Olson	Steven Teneholtz (Finance Committee)
Craig Travers -in absentia (Planning Board)		Nancy Verdolino	Jaime Wagman (Selectmen)
Janet Wagman	Brian Wells		

Respectfully submitted,

Brian D. Wells

Brian D. Wells
Chairman Hopedale School Study Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ended June 30, 1989

Regional School District Committee
1988-89

Kelton D. Johnson	- Chairman	Sutton
Jay P. Hanratty	- Vice Chairman	Millbury
Michael L. Merolli	- Secretary	Mendon
Diane M. Paradis	- Assistant Treasurer	Grafton
E. Kevin Harvey		Bellingham
Matthew C. Krajewski		Blackstone
Charles E. Randor		Douglas
Roger V. Burns		Hopedale
John V. Fernandes		Milford

Bradley J. Austin
Edward B. Postma
Kenneth T. Fougere
Herman Buma

Millville
Northbridge
Upton
Uxbridge

Anthony F. Rando - Treasurer
David A. Rando - Counsel
Margaret Asadoorian - Recording Secretary
Eugene D. Picard - Superintendent-Director

Regular School Committee meetings are held at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Pleasant Street, Upton, MA on the third Thursday of each month in the School Committee Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
Upton, Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

The 1988-89 school year started August 24, 1988 and concluded on June 9, 1989. The school's dual educational program provided 180 days of instruction (5.5 hrs/day) for 809 students in grade 9 through grade 12. The day school enrollment breakdown by towns (Oct. 1, 1988) revealed the following:

Town	Grd 9	Grd 10	Grd 11	Grd 12	Total	(Females)	& (Males)
Bellingham	18	23	26	25	91	19	73
Blackstone	12	14	14	9	49	14	35
Douglas	6	11	16	9	42	15	27
Grafton	10	18	22	18	68	22	46
Hopedale	12	1	8	5	26	6	20
Mendon	5	8	5	8	26	4	22
Milford	25	27	38	34	124	32	92
Millbury	30	25	30	33	119	29	89
Millville	5	1	2	6	14	6	8
Northbridge	24	25	17	20	86	17	69
Sutton	10	18	13	10	51	15	36
Upton	10	14	11	5	40	8	32
Uxbridge	19	21	14	19	73	14	59
	186	206	216	201	809	201	608

Dual educational program constituted a structured academic curriculum for 445 hours and specialized vocational-technical preparation for 445 hours. The educational process was delivered in two-week segments: traditional academic instruction alternated with vocational-technical education throughout the year.

Specialized vocational-technical programs offered included: Air Conditioning, Auto Body, Auto Technology, Computer Information Processing, Culinary Arts, Drafting, Electrical, Electronics, Graphic Arts, Health Services, Machine Shop, Metal Fabrication, Paint & Decorating, and Plumbing.

Traditional academic curriculum provided sequenced courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, business, computer literacy and physical education appropriate for each grade level and in consideration of individual differences and interests.

Special education services were provided for 171 students in accordance to needs identified in each student's individual education plan.

Evening Adult Education programs were conducted in the fall and spring semesters. Programs served a total of 303 adults who sought competency development in vocational-technical areas (Carpentry, Auto Body, Basic Electrical, Machine Shop, Computers, Basic Electronics, Welding, Computer Aided Design) or personal fulfillment in other areas of interest (Aerobics, Word Processing, Quilting, Interior Decorating, Typing, Stained Glass). Programs were self-supported by participants who paid established fees for instruction and training.

The second year of the ASSET Program, a sophisticated automotive technician program, was completed successfully in May 1989 with 18 students earning Associate Degrees in Automotive Applied Technology from Quinsigamond Community College. This was a significant accomplishment in that ASSET is a unique educational venture in which Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional, Quinsigamond Community College and the Ford-Mercury Company applied and coordinated their respective resources to provide a two-year postsecondary technical program in a high demand career field. All the graduates were employed in Ford-Mercury dealerships with initial annual salaries ranging from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

A highly professional and multi-talented staff served the vocational regional school district during the past school year. Two major categories of personnel diligently applied their expertise for the benefit of students and the delivery of highly successful vocational-technical education. Reflected below are numbers of assigned employees who served the district:

<u>Professional Staff</u>		<u>Support Staff</u>	
Vo-Tech Instructors	39	Teacher Aides	6
Academic Teachers	24	School Nurses	1.75
SPED Teachers	6	Secretarial/Clerical	5
Reading Specialist	1	School Lunch Employees	11
A/V-Librarian	1	*Facility Manager	1
Coordinators/Supervisor	4	*Custodial Staff	7
*Assistant Director	1	*Financial Coordinator	1
*Student Services Director	1	*Secretarial/Clerical	3
*Superintendent-Director	1		

*Denotes full year assignments -- all others were school year assignments

Among the many challenges in which day school students were engaged the past year, COOPERATIVE Education remained as the leading program whereby seniors acquire genuine experience in the world of work and refine their acquired competencies. Approximately 80 different employers hired some 140 seniors during the school year, in a partnership, to continue student training and paying participants for their services. The Cooperative Education program was available to seniors who demonstrated vocational-technical proficiency, earned passing grades in all subject areas, maintained high attendance and demonstrated exemplary personal responsibility. This program epitomizes the linkage of school learned competencies and those skills and attitudes expected in the workplace.

The school's general education, as measured by the state's assessment of academic achievement (Reading, math, science and social studies), fared very well. In comparison to state norms for all high schools, this vocational-technical high school exceeded the passing norms in each of the four areas tested and exceeded results of virtually all vocational-technical high schools in the Commonwealth. The outstanding results validate the underlying educational concept of providing coordinated and integrated vocational-technical training with general education as a sound and effective program for a broad range of high school students.

Typical of any high school environment, the vocational-technical high school offered a variety of extracurricular activities. Students interested in sports were able to compete on teams in Cross-Country, Soccer (boys and girls), Basketball (boys and girls, junior varsity & varsity), Track and Field, Baseball and Softball. The interathletic program is conducted through the Dual Valley Conference. Some 250 students took advantage of the opportunities to develop athletic skills. Another special extracurricular opportunity uniquely available for vocational-technical students in which 90 students participated was the Vocational Industrial Club of America. Interested students competed with other vocational-technical students comparing the vocational-technical competencies at a regional, state and national level. Two Graphic Arts students, Lisa Sclar (Millbury) and Tracy Thibeault (Mendon) were state finalists and competed at the National Championships held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in June 1989.

The faculty and students staged a variety show in the spring which was a huge success. Two shows, held on two nights, played to packed houses.

The annual Junior-Senior Prom held during the April vacation at Hogan Auditorium, Holy Cross College, was once again a magnificent evening. One hundred and fifty couples participated in the festive occasion.

Class officers and student representatives to the school committee actively participated in learning valuable lessons about government and democracy.

As has been an annual custom, the junior class sponsored two Blood Drives during the school year. Some 200 pints of blood were donated by students and faculty. The school has been recognized as a major contributor by the Red Cross.

A conscientious effort was made during the past year to maintain the regional

school district's grounds, facilities and equipment. Roof repairs (\$720,000) approved in fiscal year 1988 were completed during the past year. An extraordinary effort to restore and improve the grounds (lawns, roadways and athletic fields) was initiated. Boilers and electrical systems were updated with state grants from the Energy Office.

An aggressive policy to secure federal and state grants was pursued during the school year. The funds sought were used to supplement, not supplant, financial resources (state reimbursements and local assessments) required to operate the school system. Approximately \$474,540 was secured from various sources including Chapter 1 (\$20,920), Title II (\$2,989), EEOG (\$277,000), SPED (\$46,259), Perkins Act (\$45,371), JTPA (\$32,000) and Energy Office (\$50,000). In addition, state supplemental funds through Chapter 188 - (Horace Mann Grants, \$8,395 and School Improvement Councils, \$7,310) were applied in accordance with state law.

The Vocational Regional School District Committee deliberated and finally sought an amendment to the Agreement Among the Member Towns by which members to the Regional School Committee would be elected. The member towns voted and approved the election of Regional School Committee members at biennial state elections starting in 1990. The reason for the change has been mandated by M.G.L. Chapter 10 which requires that the "one man, one vote" principle is followed in electing members to regional school committees.

The highlight of the 1988-89 school year occurred on Saturday, May 23, 1989, when 190 seniors received high school diplomas and certificates of vocational-technical proficiency. Officers representing the Class of 1989 were: President, Craig M. Allen (Electrical Dept. - Millbury), Vice President, Lisa A. Sclar (Graphic Arts - Millbury), Secretary, Angela M. Pavoni (Graphic Arts - Grafton) and Treasurer, Gina M. Laramee (Information Processing - Millbury). John McDonagh, Director of Research and Program Development, Division of Occupational Education, delivered the main address. He congratulated the graduates for their school successes and reassured them that their acquired competencies made them very prepared for the world of work.

The vocational regional school district's 23rd year of operation concluded on June 9, 1989. Based on performance criteria, it was an eventful and successful year. Educational standards of quality were confirmed, graduate placement (employed - 70%; post high school education - 20%; military - 6%; unknown - 4%) was satisfactory and educational expenditures were contained. Expenditures per student, as reported by the Department of Education, revealed that Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District continued to rank 29th out of 31 comparable vocational school districts. In turn, assessments paid by member towns are among the lowest when compared with similar regional vocational school districts throughout the Commonwealth.

Finally, the School Committee and the district's administration express sincere thanks to all who contribute in making this vocational regional school district a significant and vital resource serving the thirteen member towns. Without the full

cooperation and support of the district's citizens, this institution would be unable to carry out its mission as envisaged by the founders - the Planning Committee of 1962.

Respectfully,

Eugene D. Picard
Superintendent-Director

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP

JUNE 30, 1989

ASSETS					
	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Agency	General Long-Term Obligations
Cash	\$		\$	\$ 15,980	\$
Accounts Receivable		16,960			
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	437,821				
Due from other funds		11,204	54,217		
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term obligations					1,388,950
Total assets	\$ 437,821	\$ 28,164	\$ 54,217	\$ 15,980	\$ 1,388,950
					\$ 1,925,132
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities:					
Bank overdraft	\$ 36,551	\$	\$	\$	\$ 36,551
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,101		59,723		77,824
Accrued sick pay benefits					8,950
Due to other funds	65,421				65,421
Due to student groups				15,980	15,980
Bond anticipation notes payable (Note 7):					
6.4% note			300,000		300,000
6.25% note			400,000		400,000
Bonds payable (Note 6):					
4.9% school bonds					200,000
11.2% school bonds					1,180,000
Fund balances:					
Reserved for encumbrances	19,875	16,977			36,852
Unreserved:					
Designated	158,423				158,423
Undesignated	139,450	11,187	(705,506)		(554,869)
Total fund balances	317,748	28,164	(705,506)		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 437,821	\$ 28,164	\$ 54,217	\$ 15,980	\$ 1,388,950
					\$ 1,925,132

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF GENERAL FUND -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1989

REVENUES:

Local sources:

Assessments to participating towns

\$ 1,058,078

\$ 1,058,078

Interest on investments and bank accounts

53,297

\$ 53,297

Other

5,976

5,976

1,058,078

1,117,351

59,273

Federal and state reimbursements:

General aid

1,751,285

1,746,304

(4,981)

Regional school aid

888,300

888,302

2

Pupil transportation

337,360

338,604

1,244

Debt retirement

346,607

316,073

(30,534)

3,323,552

3,289,283

(34,269)

Total revenues

4,381,630

4,406,634

25,004

EXPENDITURES:

ADMINISTRATION

190,465

206,293

(15,828)

INSTRUCTION:

Supervision

133,685

134,819

(1,134)

Principal's Office

73,700

75,762

(2,062)

Teaching

1,034,100

1,939,681

(5,781)

Textbooks

10,000

11,209

(1,209)

Library Services

28,000

31,808

(3,948)

Audio-Visual

13,590

10,696

(2,894)

Guidance Services

146,025

149,437

(3,412)

Special Education

245,405

265,761

(20,356)

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

Health Services

32,790

36,343

(3,553)

Pupil Transportation

410,000

379,755

30,245

Food Services

728

(728)

Athletic Program

45,990

44,500

1,490

Student Body Activities

8,400

8,860

(460)

Vocational Education Week

6,443

(6,443)

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Custodial Services

149,900

147,375

2,525

Heating/Utilities

158,700

117,493

41,207

Maintenance & Repairs

111,730

140,996

(6,443)

FIXED CHARGES

228,565

285,468

(56,903)

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

30,500

20,552

9,948

DEBT RETIREMENT

430,085

430,085

Total expenditures

4,381,630

4,444,404

(62,774)

Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures

\$

(\$ 37,770)

(\$ 37,770)

MEMBER TOWN ASSESSMENTS

DEBT

OPERATION

RETIREMENT

Bellingham

\$ 109,301

\$ 12,750

Blackstone

56,926

5,674

Douglas

52,375

2,409

Grafton

99,058

8,853

Hopedale

22,767

1,191

Mendon

37,571

2,395

Milford

140,040

15,309

Millbury

140,040

10,111

Millville

15,945

1,809

Northbridge

104,750

8,774

Sutton

62,618

4,373

Upton

50,095

3,210

Uxbridge

83,114

6,620

\$ 974,600

\$ 83,478

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN OWNED
PROPERTY, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND VEHICLES
JUNE 30, 1990

TOWN HALL

Town Hall Stone Fixtures	3,500
Town Hall furniture & fixtures	115,000
Town Hall Water Department	35,000

LIBRARY

Bancroft Memorial Library	450,000
Fountain of Hope	300,000

WATER

Mains, hydrants, wells, etc.	2,579,108
Small tools	15,000
Compressor	2,000
Supplies	25,000
Storage building	5,000
1986 Chevrolet truck	10,000
1982 GMC Pick-Up	1,000

POLICE

1989 Chevrolet Caprice	12,000
1988 Ford LTD	8,000
1987 Ford LTD	1,500
1986 Ford LTD	500
Equipment	38,000

FIRE

Equipment, furniture & apparatus	140,000
1987 Maxim 1,000 gal. pumper	150,000
1961 International 750 gal. pumper	5,000
1968 Maxim 1,000 gal. pumper	25,000
1973 Maxim ladder truck	75,000
1979 GMC Rescue truck	5,000
1985 Ford LTD	500
1981 Chevrolet K-20 Forestry truck	4,000

SEWER

Garage	15,000
1982 GMC Dump Truck	5,000
1984 Ford Pick Up	1,500
1966 International Front End Loader	7,000
Equipment	25,000
Sewer Roder	11,500

PARK

Band Stand, including tools	45,000
Comfort station	20,000
Bath house	125,000
Playground equipment	25,000
Park garage	3,500
Tool house	1,500
1986 John Deere Tractor	6,000

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Park Street School; furniture & fixtures	35,000
Draper High School; furniture & fixtures	350,000
Memorial Elementary; furniture & fixtures	175,000
1986 International Bus	18,000
1979 Chevrolet Bus	6,500
1981 International Bus	7,500
1986 International Bus	18,000
1987 Chevrolet Bus	21,000
1987 Van	13,000
1988 Van	16,500

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1988 Ford one-ton dump truck	15,000
1986 Ford one-ton dump truck	12,000
1989 Ford Pick-Up	15,000
1978 International dump truck	3,000
1974 White dump truck	5,000
1973 International Sander	2,000
1987 FMC Vanguard Sweeper	60,000
1976 Capterpillar front end loader	30,000
1960 Ford Sander	8,500
1963 Ford catch basin cleaner	22,500
1970 Sidewalk tractor	1,500
1963 Divco sidewalk tractor	500
1985 Leaf blower	10,000
small tools & equipment	25,000

WAGES PAID TO TOWN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989

As required by Town By-Law under Article 7, Section 2, "In addition the Board of Selectmen shall include the salaries paid to all Town employees as reported to the Federal Government on standard W-2 forms for the preceding calendar year", as per the following report.

This report is divided into two sections; General Government, including all weekly paid employees and elected officials, and the School Department, including all employees paid bi-monthly. In section one, the following department identifications are used:

E= Elected Official	L= Library	PN= Pension
F= Fire Department	P= Police Department	S= Sewer Department
G= General Government	PK= Park Department	W= Water Department
H= Highway Department		

The figures shown under "wages" are all wages paid to that employee in their primary occupation, including all overtime payments. "Other" refers to compensation paid for any other activity which the town was required to withhold taxes including, but not limited to, working in another town department part-time, having more than one part-time position, working a private police detail, receiving a stipend for compensation for other positions such as coaching in the School Department.

The total shown is arrived at by adding all compensation which was paid and has been reported on one or more W-2 forms.

Dept.	Name	Wages	Other	Total
P	Edward P. Allard			39,748.61
E	Harold W. Anderson			450.00
E	J. Mark Ansart			89.00
E	John Bacon			644.02
W	Leonard J. Barrett	30,394.30	652.03	31,046.33
E	Robert E. Barrows			973.00
F	Paul Barry			2,798.04
P	Victor G. Best	27,604.69	986.95	28,591.64
E	Charles Bishop			450.00
P	Andrea S. Blackler			8,447.20
H	Paul Blatz	23,970.48	47.47	24,017.95
F	David B. Bliss			28,539.66
A	Paul Bresciani			387.00
F	David Carchio			2,880.14
H	Albert P. Carnaroli	24,683.02	2,022.19	26,705.21
F	David P. Carnaroli			993.99
F	Mark A. Carron			1,417.64
P	Paul Castiglione	29,483.86	267.00	29,750.86
A	William J. Caufield, Jr.			1,100.00
L	Scott D. Conlin			2,297.85
P	Timothy Connors			26,306.94
P	Eugene P. Costanza	29,018.93	930.50	29,949.43
F	Kenneth J. Crowther			1,507.06
E-F	John C. Cutter	491.35	1,127.35	1,618.70

Dept.	Name	Wages	Other	Total
E	Michael J. Cyr			368.95
F	Thomas Daige, Jr.			120.00
H	Richard Daige	2,080.00	30.00	2,110.00
F	Thomas A. Daige	28,881.47	489.79	29,371.26
L	Deborah A. Dalton			2,226.62
A	Stephen E. Dawley			6,375.00
PN	Viola Dennett			6,031.68
H	Robert S. Deponte			25,086.68
L	Caroline Hall Donick			312.00
G	Kevin W. Doyle			36,222.34
E	Mary L. Draper	9,770.76	235.58	10,006.34
PK	Patricia M. Draper			3,020.50
PK	Jennifer Drugan			2,821.00
P	Joseph P. Drugan			920.47
L	Christopher J. Dunlap			898.49
F	David M. Durgin			34,923.36
E	John E. Farrar, Jr.			458.65
G	Aloysius Farrell			57.00
F	Lawrence E. Fegan			984.00
G	Felicia Gaal			22,170.92
H	Charles F. Gaffney	25,094.94	137.04	25,231.98
P	John P. Gagnon	1,855.79	148.00	2,003.79
G-W-S	Kathleen Garabedian			25,257.70
PK	Kevin Garabedian			2,531.75
P	James M. Gardner	29,421.85	3,834.25	33,256.10
F	John J. Geary	945.80	142.00	1,087.80
W	Edward L. Graveson			18,660.12
A	Robert A. Hammond			387.00
L	Marjorie Hattersley			12,199.98
G-W-S	John A. Hayes			39,887.32
P	Charles E. Hester	5,137.17	230.00	5,367.17
PK	Victorial M. Hildreth			1,955.02
L	Todd D. Hixon			1,401.04
S	Richard Hoberg			27,230.31
F	John Johnson Jr.			1,089.58
P	Michael F. Jones	27,518.16	801.00	28,319.16
F	Dennis N. Kimball			1,168.49
F	Robert K. Lamora			27,698.30
S	James M. Lauzon			32,071.59
E	Annette Lawson			179.40
L	Kristen Lemerise			1,790.68

Dept.	Name	Wages	Other	Total
PK	Wendy J. Lioce			3,120.00
E	Bruce S. Lutz			357.90
G-W-S	Cathy F. MacDougall			20,535.09
A	Perry MacNevin			1,600.00
F	Bruce P. Maeder			984.00
L	Elaine F. Malloy			6,384.46
PN	Thomas F. Malloy			8,317.44
P	Richard P. Mank	28,866.90	959.50	29,826.40
G-W-S	Carolyn J. Marcotte			24,482.94
A	Anthony J. Mastroianni			2,303.40
L	Anne L. Mattie			8,366.20
F	Richard M. Melin			377.50
F	John Michna			1,072.90
A	Howard F. Miller			3,617.10
P	Wayne J. Minichielli			4,745.16
E	Kenneth A. Mooradian			89.70
H	George R. Moore			24,279.72
F	Shawn M. Moran			26,863.39
A	Rolland J. Morin			1,361.50
P	Rosemary Naughton	25,941.21	359.50	26,300.71
L	Jane D. Newhall			1,769.64
F	Todd P. Nieskes			377.50
E	Merwin L. Noyes			450.00
PK	Tracy A. Pellegrino			1,957.89
F	David L. Pendleton			993.99
L	Ronald S. Phelan			590.99
E	Benjamin F. Phillips			491.35
A	Dennis W. Phillips			59.50
A	Eugene N. Phillips			1,300.00
E-A	Robert S. Phillips	96.15	130.42	226.57
F	Charles V. Phipps			993.99
W-S	Robin D. Phipps			19,310.25
P	Tracey L. Phipps			10,257.78
P	James Polito			1,380.00
G-W-S	Eli J. Potty	24,935.49	4,110.96	29,046.45
F	John M. Puntonio			811.50
L	Ann A. Robinson			12,184.98
A	Robert J. Rossetti			1,870.00
E	David H. Sawyer			492.10
A	Jamie Schwingel			1,100.00
A	Albert Shimkus			1,215.50
A	Edward F. Small			3,000.00
F	Kenneth J. Spindola			1,038.00

Dept.	Name	Wages	Other	Total
L	Dorothy L. Stanas			893.88
A	Bernard J. Stock			200.00
E	Walter R. Swift			491.35
E	Willard W. Taft			300.00
E	Aldo P. Tarca			368.95
P	Robert F. Tatten	2,213.60	148.00	2,361.60
G	Barbara L. Thompson			15,328.41
E	Jaime Wagman			697.60
W-S	Timothy J. Watson			21,322.56
PK	JoAnne Dee Whyte			3,719.25

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Name	Wages	Other	Total
Jacqueline Alagna	177.50	440.00	617.50
Margaret Allen			2,715.00
Catherine S. Anderson			4,867.14
JoAnne Andreotti	18,013.80	1,095.00	19,108.80
Susan E. Apicella			7,716.54
Pamela Goncalves Arpin			55.00
Sally Atchue	13,766.15	700.00	14,466.15
Christine Balog			1,197.00
Bruce Barclay			38,080.17
Dianne Barron			16,936.22
Christine R. Bartlett	12,083.00	486.84	12,569.84
Edith Berry			4,554.11
Timothy R. Biagetti			250.00
Geoffrey A. Boyle	1,648.00	110.00	1,758.00
Gemma Bresciani	3,300.40	44.99	3,345.39
Mary Bresciani			18,960.00
Concetta O. Brucato			2,696.24
Jacqueline Burberry			216.00
Joseph Burke	21,118.59	1,648.00	22,766.59
Barry R. Cahill			19,533.61
Marian E. Candini			12,623.92
Cheryl Carboni			9,971.32
June S. Carlson			19,075.73
Jill A. Cherrington	20,376.82	1,146.00	21,522.82
Marshall Clark			6,047.60
Coleen Collette			28,631.92
Nancy A. Collins			14,120.29
Pamela Conlin			31,657.90
Jane M. Connolly	2,191.68	467.50	2,659.18
Donald L. Cooper			1,397.00
Karen D. Boren			7,474.50

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Lucille L. Cornell	5,846.65	124.01	5,970.66
Richard J. Correia			220.00
John M. Cowen, Jr.			1,818.00
Janice L. Cowen			5,120.32
John Cowen	26,791.57	5,284.33	32,075.90
Alice Creighton			36,744.46
Suzan Cullen			23,225.30
Thomas R. D'Urso	24,698.10	2,819.00	27,517.10
Jane DeGeorge			9,774.77
Janet DeLuca			16,632.06
Charlotte Dec			20,664.00
Susan E. Dion			110.00
Eileen Dixon			55.00
Donald P. Drake			715.00
Joan Drisko			6,863.22
Lucille E. Ela			35,811.33
Melissa M. Espanet			14,719.29
Margaret Fairbanks	38,349.41	1,318.00	39,667.41
Sandra L. Farrer			1,717.50
Janice Fielder	33,141.74	1,318.00	34,459.74
Susan K. Fitzsimmons			55.00
John H. Fouracre			3,809.52
Beth Barbara Fox			22,978.36
Louis Fraga			36,475.31
C. JoAnne Francis			7,595.57
Eva Friedner			440.00
Carrie L. Frink			3,139.50
Dorothy P. Gately			34,533.19
Robert E. Gilbertson, Jr.			3,748.90
Linda Gilbertson			24,155.22
Shirley Godbout			38,005.18
Deborah K. Gorman	29,155.00	4,137.00	33,292.00
Rino D. Grassi			17,159.25
Sean J. Greene			110.00
Pierrette Griggs			7,598.94
Linda Gross			48,158.01
Patricia Guertin	4,496.99	3,722.89	8,219.88
Andrea M. Hallion			51,814.76
Hilda C. Hammond			485.65
Francis X. Hanam			39,491.69
June E. Hanam	7,474.86	7,837.50	15,312.36
Sandra L. Harris			110.00
Donald A. Hayes	60,719.23	5,074.26	65,793.49
Ann Greene	32,872.59	878.00	33,750.59

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Glenda A. Hazard			1,440.00
Karen S. Hensel			2,910.02
Lawrence Heron			35,778.52
Margaret M. Heron	11,982.00	2,264.00	14,246.00
Doreen E. Hobbs			20,376.82
Carol Hoffman			30,189.96
Cheryle A. Hontz			10,684.20
Mary E. Howard			9,450.00
Paulyn Howard			33,253.38
Anthony B. Imbruno			22,837.59
Paul M. Inamorati			165.00
Michelle L. Kearsley			220.50
John F. Keene			40.00
Henry Kelley Jr.	36,080.48	1,318.00	37,398.48
Barbara Kingsley			25,366.55
Deborah E. Kita	7,997.58	8,193.50	16,191.08
Jacquelyn Kleya			34,533.19
Donald Klocek	39,631.77	4,291.00	43,922.77
Deborah M. Kosciak			283.55
Joyce Kut			6,256.30
Nancy Jean Labonte			81.25
Alberta Lachina			35,542.09
Pamela A. Lackin			165.00
Patricia A. Larkin			3,225.00
Michael W. Lefrancois			205.00
Christie M. Lemon			275.00
Sandra L. Lemon	8,792.18	1,898.21	10,690.39
Carol Lessard	1,894.75	4.00	1,898.75
Gloria Lewis	7,367.40	173.33	7,540.73
Ronald Lewis	33,176.44	4,280.50	37,456.94
Samel V. Longo, Jr.			110.00
Judith Longobardi			13,996.03
Dawn Lucier			55.00
Virginia Lucier			2,671.63
Linda K. Luckraft			1,944.75
Barbara A. MacDonald			11,018.25
Janet MacLean			2,537.52
Georgianna Mallard			6,857.00
Eric S. Matez			13,505.14
Peter A. Mazzini			110.00
Leslie T. McElman			55.00
Donna McGrath			31,657.90
Michael J. McGrath			205.00

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Barbara L. Melle	605.75	218.75	824.50
Jodi A. Michna			55.00
Deirdre J. Miner			21,994.34
Marilyn Mooradian			25,814.08
Lynne Morgan			32,603.44
Gina Morganelli			605.00
Rolland J. Morin			2,041.50
Pauline Morris			21,718.76
Sandra L. Morris			1,100.00
Dorothy M. Mullaney			1,375.00
Susan A. Mulready			21,968.22
Dennis W. Nelson			4,972.00
Jane D. Newhall			7,832.72
Daniel Nicholson	38,141.53	3,564.00	41,705.53
Maureen H. O'Rourke			1,320.00
Bruce V. Olson			110.00
Linda M. Ostaski			55.00
Lori Pacheco			22,112.80
Lee Packard	37,550.20	1,846.00	39,396.20
Joan P. Pannichelli	4,053.64	2,961.51	7,015.15
Linda J. Phillips			27,114.21
Lori A. Pochecho			664.00
Eli Potty			1,097.00
Marion Prentiss			10,376.10
Joseph Proia			35,542.09
Elaine Quinn			31,657.90
Pamela F. Rapp			12,488.53
Debra Ann Ravesi	3,071.27	1,972.00	5,043.27
Joseph J. Renda	38,291.02	1,866.00	40,157.02
William Rich			43,096.01
Florence Rose			3,080.00
Kathleen A. Royer			7,474.50
Ronald F. Santacroce	36,606.07	548.00	37,154.07
Albert Sayles			55,602.46
Alice M. Scano			25,814.08
Rebecca D. Sears			6,207.21
Adrienne Mary Smith			19,201.78
Pamela J. Smith			21,048.82
Roberta A. Snell			317.50
Patti J. Spence			12,299.49
Mary Lee Speroni			33,141.74
Jospeh Spinazola, Jr.			39,471.62

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Josephine Stare			6,912.46
Regina Stare			38,614.21
Adele Stock	27,100.49	1,097.00	28,197.49
Dorothy A. Suszanska	1,818.89	64.00	1,882.89
Elizabeth A. Tattersall	5,222.14	4,490.04	9,712.18
Eileen M. Tetreault	1,250.20	1,564.89	2,815.09
Walter Tetreault			19,590.79
Eric E. Thiffault			1,026.00
Susan E. Thomas			216.68
Ruth Thompson			20,042.32
Anita C. Tower	3,418.65	28.04	3,446.69
Paul Usher			1,978.00
Diane J. Verhoest	10,794.15	3,795.75	14,589.90
Lois M. Violanti			110.00
Ernest J. Volpe			465.00
Janet Wagman			33,141.74
Jacqueline A. Walker			4,745.68
Deborah A. Webster			1,168.99
Randi Beth Weinberg			14,950.26
C. Dorothy Wheatley			34,533.19
Francis Whitten III	34,593.32	6,899.00	41,492.32
Ruth Lee Wickline	3,361.75	2,405.06	5,766.81
Laurie S. Wodin	35,579.01	440.00	36,019.01
Robert Wood			42,166.85
James Woolhiser			21,340.16
Lisa Marie Woolhiser			15,450.99

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